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RAISING FUNDS TO HELP YOUNGSTERS...

Barry's 'Dental Mavericks' head for north Africa!

TWO Barry dental workers are taking a five day trip to north Africa – funded by local people – to help children suffering from tooth pain.

Louise Bottomer and Gareth Crowther are undertaking the trip with 'Dental Mavericks' from May 5 to May 10.

Louise explained: "The Dental Mavericks charity is committed to ending daily dental pain for children in remote areas of Morocco which have not got access to dental care. Some youngsters go about their daily routine with infections and abscesses. "They routinely have to go to school

and try to learn while in agony with toothache.

"On average, Dental Mavericks makes two trips a year to different areas where there is no dental provision.

"The aim is to treat as many children as possible which often means the most basic of treatments such as extractions."

Louise said that part of the programme was about educating people too.

"Dental Mavericks is also committed to prevention and delivering education in dental hygiene as part of the mission, so hopefully advice about tooth-brushing and reducing sugar intake can trickle back into the households too."

Louise, who lives in Barry, and Gareth, in St Mellons, work at Advance Dental Care. CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

Rotary's gift in memory of Griff

THE Rotary Club of Barry raised over £1,400 to provide a wheelchair-accessible ramp for 'Vale of Glamorgan Riding for the Disabled' at St Bride's Super Ely.

It was dedicated 'in fond memory' of past president Ceri 'Griff' Griffiths, who died last year and is much missed.

Turn to page 17 for the story and pictures by Ian Dixon.



ABOVE:
In less than a week Louise Bottomer and Gareth Crowther will be providing dental treatment in Morocco.

'We are feeling really positive' LIFE-CHANGING OPERATION COULD HELP NIAMH (9) WALK ON HER OWN

by GEM
REPORTER

A young Barry girl has had a successful life-changing operation that should enable her to walk.

Niamh Hurn (9) who attends Palmerston Primary School, underwent the £30,000 operation in Bristol last week.

She has had a serious spinal problem which means she has been unable to walk without help. Niamh underwent selective dorsal rhizotomy surgery.

Talking to The GEM from Bristol Children's Hospital her mum Michelle said: "Niamh is doing really well. She is standing and her legs are flexible – it means her feet are lovely and warm, they used to be like blocks of ice."

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Niamh with mum Michelle.

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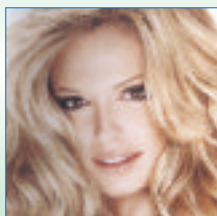
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'Come down hard on firestarters'

GRASS fires have been all over the Welsh media in the last couple of weeks, highlighting what is a very serious problem for South Wales Police, the fire service and other professionals involved.

I've seen pictures of the fire which started in Stalling Down and it's important for us to be aware locally that this isn't just a problem affecting the Valleys.

These fires are not just damaging to the local environment and potentially dangerous in

their own right, they tie up fire crews for hours trying to put them out.

This week in the Assembly I asked the minister to look into close monitoring of social media sites like Twitter and Facebook, because experience tells us that idiots will brag to their friends. It's sad that this discussion needs to happen at all, because this kind of behaviour is completely mindless and frankly embarrassing.

Like many of you I hope that the police come down exceptionally hard on anyone found to have been involved.
Andrew RT Davies, Regional AM.

'Nesting sites have protection in law'

HAVING just witnessed a very sad sight to the rear of my garden, it prompted me to write to The GEM.

I watched a magpie invade the nest and fly off with a blackbird egg.

The blackbirds that have managed against all odds for the second season to set up a nest in a bush that remains after the tree massacre of Dyfan Road Open Space last year, were unsuccessful then too.

The trees they had their nest in then, which I pointed out to the tree cutters at the start of breeding season, were nevertheless chopped down.

The bird population in the area has declined badly since their habitat has been destroyed, for two years in succession. They are struggling to survive.

I have also witnessed a wren building a nest inside the culvert. Since the council cleared vegetation around the watercourse in preparation for the lagoon, as part of the

Coldbrook catchment flood scheme, that nest will also be destroyed, along with others seeking new nesting sites in the area.

Many more birds will suffer loss again due to the work taking place along the catchment throughout the nesting season from March to August.

The RSPB are insistent on the legislation protecting nesting birds, so I would urge any GEM readers who are aware of any nests that may be affected to inform the local authority or the developers of the nesting site.

We must remind them it is against the law to destroy an active bird's nest. If the company involved in any construction is a reputable one, they will comply with the law on nesting birds and act accordingly.

They should be reminded that they could be liable for a fine and their reputation disputed if they don't!

T Abery, Barry.

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"Pay As You Go" waste scheme inconsiderate"

I SAW the announcement in last week's GEM explaining the new 'Pay As You Go' waste management service introduced by the Vale Council.

I was made aware of the charges being introduced for vans and trailers using the household

Flag's message was 'peace and love' - English would have helped

YOUR article 'Black and White flag in Main Street puzzles residents' (The GEM April 23), about a black flag with white Arabic lettering raised above an empty shop in Barry caught my eye. I can read and understand Arabic.

I thought the journalistic standard could have been better. I can understand residents being concerned, obviously they didn't know what the writing said, but the newspaper should have got it right.

The words on the flag say 'Peace and Love', it's very clear.

The script is SALAM WA HUB (Peace and Love); not as the article goes on to suggest 'Islam is One', which would be ISLAM WAHID - barely even close.

Google translate gets it right, if one knows Arabic script.

Why the flag was put there is anybody's guess,

but clearly does to provoke a reaction.

I like to think a sense of irony was intended - very lost here if that was the case!

I agree an attached English translation would have helped, perhaps with the addition of a rainbow, flowers and some white doves.

Let us not let the group that calls itself 'ISIS' steal the rights to white Arabic script on a black background, and the preferred term for said organisation should be DAESH, a rough acronym in Arabic, being used by Arab media and normal people across the Arab world, and elsewhere that delegitimises their false claims to be a state or a religion.

Let us not fall into the trap of those that wish to sow discord and division.

Name and address supplied.

GEM NOTE: In the time available, The GEM contacted two organisations to provide an exact translation, but neither came back with an answer.

MEANING OF BLACK FLAG

WITH reference to the article in The GEM last week about the black flag on Main Street, Barry, the flag wording does not translate as 'Islam is one' as reported.

The Arabic words, phonetically, are 'salaam wa hubb' which means 'peace and love'.

This correct translation was mentioned early in the article, but it ended up

with the impression that the flag said 'Islam is one'. My husband is a fluent Arabic speaker and scholar, and I have taken Arabic as well, and we both can vouch that the first-mentioned translation was correct.

The black background of the 'wall-hanging' was reminiscent of specific black banners that have been used by recent extremist movements, but this one, although the same background color, is different.

Catherine B Hanafi, Barry.

waste recycling centres when I visited the site at Landow last week and was appalled when I looked into this further.

I have a pick-up truck as my sole vehicle for personal use and not related to any commercial or business activity.

It is my choice for convenience as we also have horses at home. I use it for removing household and garden waste and it is a great help when I occasionally miss the weekly collections from home, as well as convenient for disposing of the larger branches and bushes cut back in the spring.

I also often collect numerous bags of fly-tipped waste around the Vale's lanes when alerted by my partner when her horse gets spooked by such inconsiderate dumping!

Now I am barred from using my vehicle of choice unless I pay a whopping £15 per visit!

Furthermore, you have to "plan" your visit in advance, make a booking during council office hours Monday to Friday and collect your permit from the council in Barry or through local libraries (should they be open) - even though most trips are typically made at the weekend and often spur-of-the-moment when you get round to clearing the attic or the garage etc!

I can understand the need to perhaps control the volume of waste being deposited at the domestic recycling centres and the potential for abuse of the system by contractors etc.

However, this "one size fits all" solution has not considered the dire consequences on householders in the rural Vale who have vans and trucks as their vehicle of choice.

I have also checked neighbouring authorities and can't find any other council who have introduced such a charge for genuine domestic use of vans and trailers.

And all this when regular letters to the GEM already comment about the crater-like potholes on the access road to the site at Landow meaning we all need 4x4s to navigate our way to the site in the first place.

Keith Thomas, Llantwit Major.

Allotments are available

IN reference to the GEM article 'More allotments are needed - says local councillor', your readers might be interested to learn that Cowbridge Community Allotments have plots available!

We are situated alongside the A48 Cowbridge bypass behind Millfield Drive. This is a Community Allotment open to everyone.

At present our endeavours are being hampered due to the gas main replacement but we will (fingers crossed) soon have more plots available.

If readers are interested they should visit our website at www.cowbridgeca.bick.co.uk (Angie Hardy, treasurer).

Allotments in Ystradowen

WHILE I appreciate that Coun Ian Johnson may have concerns about overall allotment provision, especially in and around Barry, I would like to take this opportunity to point out that there are allotments available immediately at the privately-managed site of 'Tidy Plots,' Ystradowen, Cowbridge.

The private provision of allotments is part of the Vale Council's overall strategy to help meet demand.

Norman Jenkins, Tidy Plots.

'Fifty-three seconds over... and we got parking fine'

ON February 20 my GP sent me to Llandough Hospital owing to heart problems.

My daughter took me and stayed with me. After tests, I was admitted to the cardiac ward. I hold a disabled badge and we parked in the disabled bay.

On March 2 she received a notice of a fine of £70 (or £40 if paid promptly) for over-stopping four hours by just 53 seconds. When we arrived we were both distressed, I didn't see the notice.

It didn't cross her mind to leave me until they found me a bed. I thought parking is free.

A private firm in Crawley had the money, not Llandough Hospital. Being ill is distressing enough without this.

One good word, all the staff were wonderful.
Mrs Audrey Shell, Barry.

'Potholes have become craters'

IAM assuming, by the state of the road to Llandow tip, that it is not adopted/owned by anyone in particular. Surely if the council want us to help them in delivering our excess recycling to the tip, then some effort could be made to give us a better road to travel across.

It started off with a few pot-holes which

have now developed into craters. While lorries are able to traverse these with their large wheels, we poor motorists with smaller wheels are doing untold damage to our suspension etc.

Cannot all the occupiers of the Llandow Trading Estate get together to provide a reasonable surface? I am sure this would be a feather in the cap of a councillor with the election coming up, if such could be achieved - or is this too mundane a challenge?
Mrs May, Rhooose.

Stalin just like Hitler

IN his GEM letter last week, Mr Short referred to the Soviet sacrifice in World War Two.

He does not refer to the fact that Stalin was Hitler's ally from 1939-1941, allied with him in invading Poland, and supplied the Nazis with huge amounts of raw materials, as well as a secret base for intelligence in the

Arctic. The Soviet Union and Stalin were at war because Hitler was stupid enough to attack them in 1941. No amount of heroism from the Red Army excuses this, let alone their seizure of the Baltic States and brutal attack on Finland.

Stalin was merely a Russian version of Hitler.
Brian Morris, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 7)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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03 Sun	06.54	9.2	19.11	9.4
04 Mon	07.27	9.5	19.46	9.6
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06 Wed	08.35	9.5	20.52	9.6
07 Thur	09.12	9.4	21.29	9.5

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'Huge disappointment' with new changing rooms at football club



Standing room only!

ISLAND MARINE Football Club has contacted The GEM because it is disappointed at the size of its much anticipated new changing rooms. Here the club's chairman, Richard Belby explains what officials believe is wrong:

"I write with regards to the recent 'improvements' to the changing room facilities at our home ground at Maslin Park, Barry Island.

We used these changing rooms for a senior fixture for the first time on Saturday, March 21 and to be frank, we are massively disappointed with the new facilities.

The rooms, while being new and clean, are ridiculously small with the changing area reduced by approximately 50 per cent of the size of the former rooms.

This led to players changing in the open, outside the rooms as there is simply not the size available for a football team to get changed.

You can imagine our major disappointment after waiting several years for these 'improvements' to be made and then not being able to use the facilities at all for the last few months while this work has been carried out.

Island Marine Football Club has been in existence for 22 years and currently has two senior teams in the Barry League and 10 junior and mini teams with over 200 local children being part of our great club.

This is the only club serving Barry Island also.

To end up with sub-standard facilities is frankly pathetic and embarrassing (as opposition clubs have to also change outside the changing rooms).

We were told the new facilities would be the same size as the old. We have aspirations of taking our club forward to higher leagues where the changing facilities are required to be of an even higher standard.

At this stage, we even sounded the council out as to whether, if we could fundraise enough money, we could pay the extra costs to have even bigger and better facilities and were told no, this was not possible and now we end up with an even smaller facility!

As a club we feel very let down.



ABOVE: Coun Ian Johnson (on the left) and Coun Steffan Wiliam (to the right) were shown the new dressing rooms by Island Marine FC officials Richard Belby and Haydn Stait.

Island councillor Steffan Wiliam told The GEM:

"As a local councillor on Barry Island, I want local Island residents to have the best possible facilities. It's not just about the tourists.

"I was very pleased when I was told that the new changing rooms were to be built, but the final facilities are just too small to fit an entire adult football team inside.

"That means that players are changing outside, and it is impossible to have a team talk.

"When plans were first put forward for new changing rooms, I wanted the ground improved so that the club could get promotion to the South Wales Alliance in the future, if they perform well enough on the pitch.

"Space on the site is not an issue – there is more than enough room for a decent sized set of changing rooms.

"With around 200 players of all ages now involved at the Island Marine – from the Island and elsewhere in town – the facilities should reflect that."

Plaid councillors say they are waiting to hear from the Vale Council about what action could be taken to solve the problem before next season.

The GEM approached the Vale Council and asked whether it would re-look at the issue raised by the club's officials.

Phil Beaman, operations manager, parks and

grounds maintenance, said the size of the building would be looked at.

"The new changing facilities for Maslin Park have been constructed on the same footprint as the old building.

"The new building is designed to current regulations including compliance with Building Regulations and the Disability Discrimination Act.

"The parks and grounds maintenance division are now investigating comments from users regarding the internal layout and dimensions of the new building."

Frustration at parking fine

A man who lives in Barry town centre said he is frustrated at receiving a parking fine, when other motorists had taken residents' spots outside his house.

Steve Davies, of Lombard Street, received a ticket at just after midday on Sunday, April 26.

He told The GEM: "I have a residents' permit, but couldn't park near my house because other people (without permits) had taken parking spaces."

"The fine is for £70, but is reduced to £35 if I

pay within 14 days.

"I was on yellow lines, but not blocking access, and received the fine due to the actions of others."

"I phoned up the council and was told wardens are working seven days a week."

Mr Davies, who contacted The GEM on Monday, added: "There are people who have parked illegally today, but there doesn't seem to be a warden around."

Mr Davies said it was important that enforcement was carried out fairly and that he would raise the parking issue with his local councillor.

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FALLEN HEROES ADDED TO MEMORIAL HONOURS LIST

NEARLY 100 years after their deaths, two soldiers from Dinas Powys were honoured when their names were added to the village memorial.

Led by Coun Chris Franks, chair of the community council, a tribute was paid to Griffith Edwin Rhys Thomas and John Spear. Born in 1895, Griffith Thomas was born in Dyserth, Flintshire.

The family moved to St Cadocs, Highwalls, after the death of his father. He enlisted in the 1st/15th Battalion of the Prince of Wales Own Civil Service Rifles.

At the age of 20, Griffith lost his life in the battle of Flanders - Courcellette, as a part of the Somme campaign. He was one of 29,000 casualties.

John Spear was born in Chamberlain Row in 1890. The family struggled financially and he was sent to the Ely workhouse and then boarded out to a farming couple in St Fagans.

He joined the Welch Regiment, which

embarked for France in June 1916. A year later, John was killed in action on November 25 during the capture of Bourlon Wood aged 27. A descendant of John was present at the event.

Derek Brushett, who researched all those recorded on the Roll of Honour of the First World War on the memorial, discovered the missing names.

He addressed those present, detailing the lives of these brave men. His excellent book on the lives of those killed can be seen in the Parish Hall.

Rev Andrew James led the prayers, and a representative of the Dinas Powys Ecumenical Seven played the Last Post. Members of the Legion were also present.

Coun Franks thanked all who had contributed to the rededication of the memorial and attended the service: "We are grateful for the financial support of the Welsh Government and Cymru'n Cofio Wales Remembers 1914-1918, and for all the work of the clerk to the council, Mrs Butler," he said.



Coun Chris Franks, chair of Dinas Powys Community Council, with members of the Legion.

EASTER WORKSHOPS AND SATURDAY CLASSES KEPT BRYN HAFREN PUPILS BUSY!

KEY stage 4 and 5 pupils at Bryn Hafren School were kept busy working throughout the Easter holidays, thanks to a packed programme of revision workshops offered by their teachers.

Pupils enjoy science visit



The whole class came prepared for the experiments.

THE Monkey Puzzle class at Jenner Park Primary School enjoyed a visit from the 'Mad Scientist' team so much that they all decided to enjoy another lesson of their own.

Everyone dressed up and took part in the science project.

All subjects have been covered, from mathematics and English to design technology, drama and history. It is approaching a busy time of year for the students and the staff are ensuring that all pupils are fully prepared for their exams.

In addition to these events, year-11 pupils have also been busy studying on Saturday mornings. For over four months, staff have been working with pupils on Saturday mornings, giving extra English and mathematics lessons to help pupils achieve at least a C grade at GCSE.

Pupils are treated to lunch prepared by senior teachers and a team of teachers who have volunteered to help.

The team are proud of the progress being made by the pupils and hope that their hard work will result in them fulfilling their potential at GCSE level in August.

Mr Coombs, head of year-11, is "extremely pleased" with the up-take

of year-11 girls who have attended extra classes after school and in particular the ME+3 pupils have really embraced 'Saturday School'.

These pupils have enjoyed having input into the sessions and enjoying a free lunch each Saturday of either hot dogs or pizzas!

Staff will be continuing the additional support during lunchtimes and after school when the girls return after Easter.

Parents can find further details on the school's website or via the school Twitter, @brynhafrencomp.

Epilepsy awareness
BRYN Hafren sixth form students recently held a fundraising day to raise awareness for epilepsy.

The whole school took part by donating £1 each to wear purple. There were cake breaks as well as purple ribbons sold to raise the grand total of £758. The money will be donated to the Epilepsy Charity and the Neurological Department at the Heath Hospital, in memory of Charlotte Perrett, a Bryn Hafren pupil who passed away last year.

Charlotte's family supported her friends in the fundraising by donating cakes to be sold.

The head of year-12, Mrs Honeywell, said: "I was overwhelmed by the support that pupils gave to this event; the school was just a sea of purple and the amount raised for one event was astonishing."

"I am proud that we are able to donate to such a worthwhile cause in Charlotte's memory and hope to make this an annual event."

Penarth Aviation Society will go to the moon!

THE moon is 238,855 miles from earth and Apollo 8 was the first manned mission to enter its orbit in December 1968, followed by Apollo 10 in May 1969.

On July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 launched from Cape Kennedy, carrying Commander Neil Armstrong, Command Module Pilot Michael Collins, and Lunar Module Pilot Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin, an estimated 530 million people watched Armstrong's televised image and heard his voice describe the event as he took "...one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind" on July 20, 1969. (Source: NASA).

At 8pm on Friday, May 1, Garrick Mound will give an illustrated talk to members of Penarth Aviation Society at Penarth Conservative Club. He will speak about the early history of space exploration and some of the 'founding fathers'. He will focus on the race to the moon, following the post World-War 2 efforts of the Russians and the Americans.

Garrick will also say something about events that have happened since, in terms of experimenting in space and exploring other parts of our solar

system.

Voyager 1, a space probe launched by NASA in 1977 to explore the outer planets in our solar system, has travelled farther than anyone, or anything, in history. Today, 38 years later, Voyager 1 is in the space between the stars - interstellar space. (Source: NASA).

Visitors are welcome to attend, but should contact the Hon Secretary, Mike Duxbury, for seating availability. Telephone 01446 711482 or 07829 124 353. A donation of £2 per head is requested. The talk is followed by a 'business session' for society members only.

During May, members of PAS are visiting the Imperial War Museum at Duxford to view the impressive collection of aircraft including the Lancaster, Spitfire, Concorde, Vulcan and the incredible TSR2 amongst many others.

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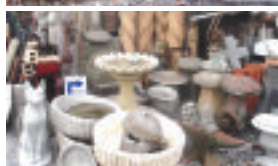
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A walk through the history of Gloucester...

SETTING off early to reach the banks of the River Severn on an overcast and cool morning to see the expected Severn Bore, 13 Penarth and District Ramblers, including leaders Jan and John, hung around on the riverbank as the excitement rose – but all in vain, as the rush of water was not as spectacular as expected.

After following a diversion because of flood defence work, the delightful stone cross and huge oak tree in the centre of Hempsted village led them on to the pretty church dedicated to St Swithun, who became an important advisor to the royal household and was made the 17th Bishop of Winchester.

Upon his death in 862, he was buried outside the cathedral in accordance with his wishes, but later on July 15, 971, his bones were removed and placed inside the cathedral, after which it is alleged he generated a violent storm to show his disapproval, that date becoming St Swithun's Day when everyone hopes it won't rain as it will last for 40 days!

Pretty meadows led them back to the riverbank and on towards the ruined Augustinian Llanthony Secunda Priory, built on land donated by Miles de Bohun, Earl of Hereford, after the original priory was seized by rebels in 1136.

The original church which dominated the site and contained the remains of 10 generations of the Bohun family, fell into ruins and there are no visible remains today.

After lunch, everyone set off in different directions to explore the historic dockland with its array of old warehouses, the Soldiers of

Gloucestershire and Waterways museums, the small Mariner's Chapel, and an array of different craft including narrow boats, barges, two and three master ships and remnants of the old horse-drawn tramroad opened in 1811, which carried coal and road stone from the docks to Cheltenham.

The Gloucester and Sharpness Canal being 86.5-feet wide and 18-feet deep, which allowed ships of 600-tons to pass through bringing imported goods for the Midlands and taking out finished goods was the setting for their return.

With only a few moored narrow boats and lots of fishermen taking part in a competition, the group retraced their steps back over the Rea Bridge, which can be lifted to let small craft through after an exhilarating trip through the medieval, commercial and industrial eras.

On Saturday, May 2, the train will leave Barry at 8.30am and Penarth at 8.32am, arriving at Cardiff Central to board the 9.04am train to Carmarthen, followed by a nine-mile moderate walk from Carmarthen to Ferryside and please remember to purchase a return ticket; contact Terry on 029 2070 6315.

On Sunday, May 3, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk taking in Ogmere Castle, St Brides Major and Dunraven; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

WI members plan for a new year

AT Highlight Park WI's Tuesday Meeting, one of our members (Lynne Oliver) gave a very interesting talk on World War One.

Members had been asked to bring an item to do with the war, and these led to a very interesting discussion.

Our main meeting on Tuesday evening was our Annual Meeting and we had a member of the WI hierarchy to oversee the election of officers and committee. Our president and secretary gave very good reports on the year, the speakers we have had, the

days out and certainly our 25th birthday lunch.

Most of the committee were re-elected with one new member. The president and secretary, after being voted in again for another year, both announced that this would be their last year. They will be very hard to replace, but I am sure they will still play a big part in our chat and cup of tea. If you would like to join us, our next meeting is on May 19 and it is fish or chicken and chips. Contact Pat Weavers on 01446 734283.

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Stitchers get new ideas at Wonderwool



The Sully U3A members at Builth Wells.

RECENTLY, 11 members of Sully U3A's Knitters and Stitchers group spent a day at 'Wonderwool Wales' at the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells.

It was the 10th anniversary show and three halls were filled with stands of fibres, equipment and finished products.

An enjoyable day was spent

browsing the stalls and admiring the detail and workmanship in the production of the Giant Gingerbread House and the Giant 'Cardigan for Cardigan'. They returned enthused with ideas and bags of wool and other fibres for future projects.

The Knitters and Stitchers is one of many groups in Sully U3A.

New members are welcome to join at any of the monthly meetings, held on the second Thursday of the month in The Old School, Sully at 2pm.

Host of activities at local Scout group

THE last couple of months have been busy for 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout Group.

There have been joint nights with Beavers and Cubs making sock dragon puppets for St David's Day, and Cubs and Scouts making volcanoes and explosions.

Beavers have also been learning about Fairtrade, have been to visit Techniquet and looked at sound and catapults and now that the lighter nights are upon us, they have been on a nature ramble.

Cubs have made flower pots for Mother's Day and looked at hazards around the home.

Four Cubs also took part in the District Scout Swimming Gala and each brought home a bronze, silver or gold medal. Two Cubs have also received their Chief Scout Silver awards.

Scouts have been taking part in air rifle competitions and using their knives to carve wood to make equipment for camping.

They have also taken part in a camping survival weekend with other district Cubs where they had to make their own shelters.

On April 23, 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scouts celebrated St George's Day at St Mary's Church in Penmark. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were involved in the service which was all about friendship.

Different awards were made on the night from certificates and badges to two Beaver leaders, David Morris and Rhiannon Jenkins receiving their Wood badges and two Explorer leaders, Peter Williams and Cerys Evans receiving their Queen's Scout awards – well done to all!

Over the May Bank Holiday, all of 1st Penmark with Porthkerry

Scout Group will come together at group camp.

There will be geocaching, den building, treasure hunts, fire water boats and lots more going on in an Indiana Jones-themed three days of activities and fun!

Following camp on May 4 will be 1st Penmark with Porthkerry's annual general meeting, which allows all sections to reflect on what they have achieved over the last

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Fun week for WI

CADOXTON WI had a really full diary week commencing April 20.

The week began with the annual meeting with Marilyn Tucker, the liaison officer, presiding. There were no changes to the committee.

The president thanked the committee for their hard work and loyalty and the members for their support, and also Marilyn for her help over the past year.

On Wednesday, members were invited by Dinas Powys WI to a fashion show sponsored by the Edinburgh Woolen Mill, which was an excellent evening.

Friday was the bi-annual fashion show arranged by the GFWI at Norton House Hotel, Mumbles.

The event was a

delicious lunch with a gorgeous display of clothes provided by Solo and Goose Island.

The prize of an afternoon tea at Norton was won by Kim from Cadoston, who hopes to extend it to an overnight stay.

Saturday was the annual bowls tournament at Swanbridge and our team did us proud, although they lost in the final round. Well done ladies.

The next meeting on May 18 is the Link, which members and guests are looking forward to.

The entertainment will be provided by the Vale Brass Band.

The meetings are held every third Monday at Victoria Park Community Centre at 7pm and guests are welcome. Contact 01446 404891. CW

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Special day in Barry as Gallipoli is remembered



ON Saturday, April 25, the Royal British Legion in Barry led a service of commemoration for the many thousands of fallen men from all sides during the Gallipoli campaign of 1915.

Remembered as an absolute disaster for the Allied forces it was one of the bloodiest, yet least remembered campaigns of the war.

Saturday also marked ANZAC Day which in Australia and New Zealand is their equivalent of Armistice Day.

This is because of the massive losses sustained by the two countries at Gallipoli, and it became a defining moment in their histories.

The event in Barry was timed to coincide with a national event attended by the Queen in London.

I had been praying for a dry day since the middle of the week, when all those helping me plan were advising me that heavy rain was on the way and that we should have a plan B.

by Teresa Goodwin,
Barry Royal British Legion.

Perhaps ask Father Ben if we could use his church, or even the Memorial Hall?

But with no plan B in place, 'please don't let it rain' I heard myself saying all night on Friday!

Saturday morning dawned dry but chilly, and just got better.

A huge contingent of Sea Scouts were the first to arrive and proudly took up their places as a Cenotaph and VIP Guard of Honour, closely followed by a contingent of Air Cadets who joined the line.

RBL Parade Marshal David could be heard saying "toes on the line please, guys" on more than one occasion.

Standard Bearers were assembling behind the Memorial Hall, all smart and shining – the Royal British Legion, The Merchant and Royal Navy Associations, two from the Royal Air Force Association, the Air Cadets and the

Scouts.

There were those who were there to lay wreaths for family members who died at Gallipoli, one of whom, a New Zealander, who wanted to be, in his own words, 'low-key.' Another person preferred one of the town's Scouts to lay the wreath on her behalf. I also noticed a contingent from Australia quietly sitting on a bench. They were there to show their respects on this very important day for their country.

I spotted them at the end of the service too, photographing the Cenotaph, adorned with poppy wreaths to which they had added an Australian scarf.

The photographs speak for themselves, the parade of the Standards, the arrival of the dignitaries through the Guard of Honour of Sea Scouts and Cadets, the wreath laying at the cold, grey Cenotaph closely guarded by two more Sea Scouts.

The Cenotaph appeared to brighten as the wreaths of bright red poppies were placed at its southern face.

The hymn, led by a friend of the RBL Angela, 'Eternal Father Strong to Save whose Hand Did Calm the Mighty Waves' seemed so very appropriate, and so the service went on... beautiful, poignant, dignified and moving.

On a day that dawned cold and threatening rain, I and many others came away from the Cenotaph feeling that as a town Barry had done itself proud, not only in the presence of the Queen's senior representative in the county, HM Lord Lieutenant Dr Peter Beck, but also in the eyes of those not from Barry or even from the UK – our friends and Allies from Australia and New Zealand.

Most importantly though, the sacrifices of many thousands of brave men who died at Gallipoli were remembered by all of us, especially those young people proudly on parade, many of them just a few years younger than those who made the supreme sacrifice.



Headteacher has moved on after 17 years

MIKE CLINCH, the headteacher at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School for 17 years, has moved on to St Illtyd's Catholic High School in Cardiff.



A Mass was held last Friday to celebrate his work and commitment to St Richard Gwyn, which has grown into a top educational institution under his leadership and enjoys a strong reputation for its excellence both locally and nationally.

The Mass was attended by colleagues, both past and present, and by parents and governors who wanted to say thanks and celebrate the school's achievements.

The new headteacher, Steven Grech, was also welcomed into the community of St Richard Gwyn. He is delighted and honoured to be given the opportunity to lead the school believing that all children have a right to a first class education.

Mr Grech's aim is that all the children will have a better educational experience than at any other school, be valued and cared for and achieve their potential, enabling them to be successful in the 21st century whilst developing a sense of morality based on gospel values and the Catholic faith.

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Barry woman wins a humanitarian award



Jane Hutt at the Welsh Asian Women's Achievement Awards with Basma and supporters.

BASMA Ibbasheh was the joint winner of the Social and Humanitarian Award at City Hall in the Welsh Asian Women's Achievements Awards, organised by Professor Meena Ipadhyaya of Cardiff University on Saturday, April 25.

Basma is the chair of the Rainbow

Group, based in Barry, which organises yoga, Zumba, swimming classes, talks and outings for women at the leisure centre, Pioneer Hall and Margaret Alexander Centre.

Vale AM Jane Hutt said: "Basma became involved in voluntary work to help others, as well as to build her confidence. She has helped so many women overcome challenges and is an inspiration for others."

Freya's swimathon for 'Follow Your Dreams' charity



FREYA JOHN, a pupil in year-6 at Dinas Powys Primary School, decided to raise money for Follow Your Dreams to help fund the dreams of local disabled children.

All the funds raised stay in the local area.

Freya (10) completed her swim in 94 minutes. So far, she has raised £138, and has a JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/Ceri-Dutch-John/.

Freya said: "I want to thank everyone who donated and the staff at Barry Leisure Centre for all their help on the day."

Lifeboat fun day on the Island

VOLUNTEERS from Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station will be on Barry Island this Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday for the May day event, offering face painting, souvenirs and the chance to win a VIP visit to the lifeboat station.

Stormy Stan, the lifeboat mascot, will be popping in to meet visitors to the event.

He recently enjoyed his visit to the crazy golf attraction in front of the new RNLI visitor centre that will be opening soon on Barry Island.

A spokeswoman said: "We'd love to see you there, and we'd love to accept your small change to help us save lives at sea!"

"If you'd like to join the fundraising team and help out at this event, we'd love to hear from you. Please call Abi Phillips on 07973 293 587 for more details."

Basketball champions for third straight year



Barry Comprehensive School's under-18 basketball team won the Cardiff and Vale Finals Trophy for the third year in a row.

TWO basketball teams from Barry Comprehensive School reached the Cardiff and Vale finals held at the House of Sport, Cardiff City.

The year-10 team played against Porthcawl in a thrilling final only to be beaten by a determined Porthcawl side, losing by 10 points in the final quarter.

The year-10 team acquitted themselves superbly, and with boys regularly attending training with Mr Cole, they should be a force again next season.

The under-18 team, consisting of students from years 10, 11, 12 and 13, played against Cwm Rhymni School and ran out deserved winners by 82 points to 45.

Led by Nico Wilson in his last year in school the team took a healthy lead to ensure all players could be used to good effect especially after Nico went off injured in the third quarter.

Joe Harding rallied the troops to win comfortably, assisted by Christian Eder and Scott Townsend. It was the third trophy win in a row!

‘Wedding cyclists’ to raise cash for Velindre!

A GROUP of friends from the Cowbridge area are now on their way to London, cycling to the wedding of Luke England and Harriet Clarke – and raising money for Velindre Hospital at the same time, writes PHILIP IRWIN

The team set off yesterday morning (Wednesday) and a surprise was in store for the group, when Welsh rugby captain Sam Warburton came along to the Bear Hotel to wish them well.

As we reported in last week’s GEM, the idea of cycling to his wedding came to Luke

and his family at a recent Velindre fundraiser.

Luke’s mother, Marianne England, explained: “We got chatting (after a lot of alcohol had been consumed!) and decided how fantastic it would be to be able to cycle to London for his wedding, all in aid of Velindre.

“It’s a cause that’s very close to our hearts so any opportunity to raise money for the charity is always taken up by our close friends.

“So the groom, family and friends will be cycling nearly 200 miles from Cowbridge to London!”

Luke, together with his father Nigel England, Julian Hitchcock, Freddie

Hitchcock, James Mordecai, Oliver Ladbroke-Davies, Martyn England, Fraser Clarke and Josh Clarke, set off at just before 9am after a hearty breakfast at The Bear.

They aim to arrive the day before the wedding which takes place on Saturday, May 2, at Fulham Palace. Their route takes in: Day 1, Cowbridge – Bath; day 2, Bath – Windsor; day 3, Windsor – Fulham.

The head of fundraising at Velindre, Andrew Morris, said: “We are incredibly grateful to Luke, Harriet and his fellow riders for this amazing effort – over £18,000 has already been raised for Velindre and we’re really pleased that patron Sam Warburton came along see them off.

“We hope lots of people will support them at: <https://www.justgiving.com/Luke-England1>”

‘The love of family and friends is worth more than gold!’

I WOULD like to take the opportunity of thanking the Vale Mayor, Mayoress, my family, friends and neighbours for making my 101st birthday a day to remember.

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Lifeguards return

RNLI lifeguards will be returning to some of Wales’ beaches this May bank holiday weekend to offer safety advice and assistance to the public.

The lifeguards will be returning to Whitmore Bay (Barry Island), Aberavon beach in Port Talbot and Tenby South beach in Pembrokeshire where the lifeguards were kept busy over the Easter weekend.

Stuart Thompson, South Wales Lifeguard manager, said: “The RNLI lifeguards have now all completed their pre-season training and will be returning to their

posts from 10am Saturday, May 2, for the bank holiday weekend. If the sun continues to shine we’re expecting to welcome big crowds to the beach over the three day weekend.

“When visiting the beach with family or friends, please make sure you choose a lifeguarded beach and when entering the water always swim between the red and yellow flags.

“It’s also a good idea to decide in advance on a meeting spot to use should one of you be separated from the group at any point throughout the day.”

Niamh’s joy

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Michelle continued: “It is early days, but we are feeling really positive. She has responded very well.”

Michelle said the family was now very optimistic that Niamh would one day walk unaided.

Niamh will stay in Bristol for another two weeks and then return to Barry.

It was a race against time for Niamh because the medical advice was that the operation should be carried out before she was 10 years old – and Niamh is nine already.

Alun Cairns, who campaigned for Niamh

to have the operation, said: “I was absolutely delighted to hear the news of the successful operation from the Hurn family on Monday.

“I am pleased to have been able to make a difference to Niamh and those around her. The life changing operation has the potential to transform the life prospects of a delightful young girl, and I will continue to offer my support during her rehabilitation.”

Niamh will still need therapy and if anyone would like to help towards the ongoing costs, they should go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/helpniamhachieve/>.

Dentists’ trip

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Gareth said: “Everyone at Advance Dental Care would like to thank the generosity of our patients who have raised £1,000 to supply equipment and materials for the trip – each Maverick pays their own passage, board and lodging.”

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Vale farmer is in the frame for community award

THREE farmers who make an outstanding contribution to their local communities have been shortlisted for the NFU Cymru/Principality Building Society Welsh Rural Community Champion Award, with the winner to be announced at next month's Royal Welsh Spring Festival.

The competition, now in its sixth year, recognises the hard work farmers do off the farm to help their local town or village community. The award winner will receive the top prize of £500 and an engraved Welsh slate clock and two runners-up get £100 each.

NFU Cymru deputy president, John Davies said: "I am very pleased

that this award has really grabbed people's attention. When short-listing we looked for farmers who contributed to the wider community. Sustainability of rural areas depends on more than farmers.

"Conversely, it promotes our role when we are fully immersed in the workings of village life."

The finalists come from the Vale, Monmouthshire and Gwynedd. They are:

• **John Hanks, a dairy farmer milking 120 cows at Ty Canol Farm, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge.** John's nomination states he is heavily involved in keeping the spirit of the community in Llantrithyd village, specifically at certain times of year – harvest, Christmas and spring.

He is the first port of call for emergencies like cars in ditches, phone lines down etc. John has been involved with the Vale agricultural show

for the past 20 years.

He helps with the local YFC, he dresses up as Santa, he cuts the village's hedges, and most recently he was involved with a group of local farmers who travelled down to London to explain to pupils of an inner city school how their food is produced.

• **Bryn Williams of Tŷ Coch, Cwm Cynfal, Ffestiniog, Gwynedd,** is described in his nomination as someone who goes 'above and beyond for the people in his community.' His tireless commitment includes decades of running various community projects, such as Cyfle Ffestiniog which organises walking, cycling and fishing activities for local people and visitors to enjoy.

• **John Biggs, a beef and sheep farmer at Pentwyn Farm, Penrhos, Raglan, Monmouthshire.**

John has been a community councillor for the past 40 years. He was the main driver in establishing the new livestock centre for Monmouthshire.

Project wins building control awards

An artist's impression of the Penarth Learning Community.



PENARTH Learning Community has won two regional building control awards at a presentation at the Vale Resort, Hensol.

The project was named 'best educational building' and 'most accessible building' at the local authority regional awards and it has also been shortlisted in four categories at the Constructing

Excellence in Wales awards, including the value award, the innovation award, and project of the year.

It has also been shortlisted for the integration and collaborative working award, alongside Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg in Barry.

The Penarth Learning Community project will now be taken forward to the next stage of the Building Control Awards.

Dr Gerard Griffiths is the new headmaster at Westbourne School

DR GERARD GRIFFITHS will take the reins of the Vale's most academically successful primary school from this September.

A passionate Welshman who holds a PhD in chemistry from Imperial College, Dr Griffiths is also fluent in Welsh and French.

He arrives with over 20 years' teaching experience, the last 10 in significant senior leadership positions.

Dr Griffiths joins Westbourne Junior School as it continues to achieve outstanding results and reach its ambition of being the leading academic school and providing the best all-round education in Cardiff and the Vale.

Mr Ken Underhill, principal of Westbourne School in Penarth, said: "Dr Griffiths is perfectly placed to lead Westbourne Junior through its next exciting phase of development."

"The junior school has achieved outstanding results according to the most recent Welsh Government test results. "Dr Griffiths has the intellectual calibre and perfect breadth and depth of teaching experience to ensure that the school improves further on our consistently outstanding results."

"I believe that he is the only PhD, of whom I am aware, leading a primary school in the whole country, and we are extremely fortunate to have secured someone of his academic calibre to join our school leadership team."

Dr Griffiths said: "I am delighted to be taking up this role at what is a very exciting time for Westbourne Junior School."

"Westbourne has a strong tradition of achieving some of the best results in Cardiff and the Vale, within a secure family environment. "With continued investment

development across the school, my vision is to firmly place it within the heart of the local community.

"I look forward to working with colleagues, parents and students to create a school where learning is fun, students are valued and results are celebrated, underpinned by my personal ethos of high standards and regular and engaging communication".



Dr Gerard Griffiths (left) and principal Mr Underhill.

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Local farmers tell candidates what their industry needs

MILK for school children, the burden of red tape on the industry and the impact of planning regulations on farms and rural businesses were some of the issues farmers raised with the political candidates for the Vale of Glamorgan constituency at an NFU Cymru political hustings, held last week in Wenvoe.

The candidates present were Alun Cairns (Conservatives), Christopher Elmore (Labour), David Morgan (Liberal Democrats) and Ian Johnson (Plaid Cymru). All outlined their party's future plans for agriculture and the rural economy.

Glamorgan NFU Cymru chairman, Abi Reader, chaired the event and said that she was pleased to give local farmers an opportunity to quiz the candidates.

She said: "While the majority of decisions concerning agriculture are devolved to the Welsh Government, there

are still a number of important political levers that are held by the UK government in Westminster.

"It is vital for the candidates to understand the issues which are facing the industry here in Wales and we hope that, whoever is elected on May 7, will fight our corner.

"Farming businesses have to be viable, profitable units in order to find and encourage the next generation of food producers. We produce food to the highest standard and we want to see more milk being made available to school children throughout the UK."

Abi concluded: "I would like to thank all of the candidates for meeting farmers in the Vale and hope that the discussions have produced some food for thought."

Art society's practical session
ON Thursday, May 7 Cowbridge Art Society will hold a practical session directed by Cardiff artist Jane Gagg.

The theme will be 'Rural Inhabitations' - Looking at Kyffin Williams and others of the genre - The placement of buildings in landscape using charcoal and any choice of paints.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm - 9pm and visitors and new members are most welcome.

For details of the society's activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Helping to provide homes for people who need support

THIS week, I was delighted to take part in a wonderful occasion with the Housing Minister Lesley Griffiths, to officially open the new Extra Care Homes in Barry - Golau Caredig - where the Theatre Royal used to be.

I was involved in the campaign to try and save the cinema which was an important and much loved feature of the town. In private ownership and needing a great deal of investment, there was little we could do to prevent the closure.

However, the cinema has now been replaced by a much needed new development - an Extra Care housing development -

providing homes for people who need the support and care that these first class facilities can provide.

The homes have been developed by Hafod Care Association in partnership with the Vale Council, to provide affordable, independent living for people over 55 with 42 one and two bed roomed flats.

Individual care and support is provided for the residents with a range of shared facilities such as a restaurant, hairdresser, laundrette and a multi-use activity area - with a cafe open to the residents and the public at the front of Golau Caredig.

I am very pleased that the Welsh Government has provided £5.1m to help build Golau Caredig in Barry. This has been provided through the Social Housing Grant.

The whole development cost £8.86m and the balance

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by
Jane Hutt
AM (Minister for Finance)

has been met by private finance secured by Hafod Care to assist in developing affordable housing, alongside other registered landlords who we work closely with in partnership with the Vale Council.

Since 2002, £161m of Social Housing Grant for Extra Care schemes has been granted throughout Wales, with 42 schemes now providing almost 2,000 housing units like the ones enjoyed by the

new residents in Barry's Extra Care scheme.

As an active supporter of Shelter, the charity that supports the homeless and those in housing need, I have played my part as Finance Minister, to get funding into housing schemes such as Golau Caredig and the new Thompson Street development developed by Newydd Housing Association for people in housing need.

I have also played my part in securing from the Treasury the release of housing authorities like the Vale Council from the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy arrangements. Local authorities will be able to start building housing again as a result of this change.

Also this week, the Welsh Government announced a new £20m a year fund to help keep people out of hospital and in their own homes - easing the

pressure on our hospital services.

Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan will receive a regional allocation of this funding which is being invested in the Intermediate Care Fund.

This investment will mean the continuation of projects which have proven to be successful in helping older and vulnerable people remain in their own homes.

The fund will support schemes which improve out-of-hospital care and £2.5m of the £20m investment in the Intermediate Care Fund will be used to identify those areas of good practice and ensure they are spread across the whole of Wales.

Investing in housing, our NHS and social care must be key priorities in a caring, compassionate society to meet the common good.

'CLIMATE CHANGE IS STILL THE ELEPHANT IN ROOM'

THE next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, May 5, in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, two days before the general election.

When the Coalition Government was formed in 2010, David Cameron said it would be the greenest Government ever, but was later apparently heard to say:

"Let's drop all this Green..." rubbish.

Because climate change is still the elephant in the room, despite worldwide global warming events which should give us a sense of urgency, Barry and Vale FoE urge people to vote for the political party which will do the most to protect our increasingly threatened environments.

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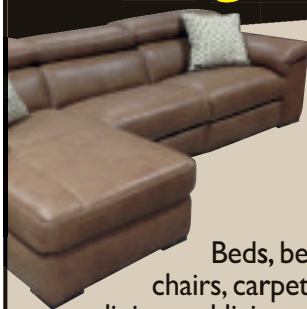
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'Secure your home, even in good weather'

POLICE in Bridgend and the Vale have warned householders that the best deterrent to keep thieves from stealing property is a lock and key.

Officers are advising householders to make it hard for a burglar by locking all windows and doors and reporting any suspicious activity as soon as you become aware of it.

Crime reduction adviser Deb Elward said: "We generally like to relax during the warmer weather but criminals are never on holiday. It's great to let the fresh air into our

homes; however, during the good weather, there is a temptation to leave windows open at night but security should come first.

"Following a few common sense rules, like locking windows on the first and ground floor as well as any accessible windows near a flat roof, can make a big difference.

"By securing your home and property you can save yourself the distress and cost of being burgled. A simple light shining in the house on a timer switch keeps burglars away as they like to work in the dark."

Have coffee beans, will travel, for charity!



CAFFE NERO has organised a novel initiative in support of **Help for Heroes** – with the idea being to transport a single bag of coffee beans between Nero branches in the south west and Wales via different transport.

The leg from Cowbridge to Cardiff was completed by classic and sports cars – including a 1965 Mustang, a 1969 Jaguar e-type, and a 1956 MGA Le Mans racer.

Leigh Jones of Cowbridge-based WD Wins, who brought together the classic cars for the event, said: "I was delighted to help with this idea as I think the work that Help for Heroes undertakes is invaluable.

"Whenever these cars get taken out on the road they draw attention and admiring glances from people and this event was no different. We certainly captured people's imagination en-route. A brilliant idea and an all round success."

ABOVE: Leigh Jones of WD Wins (far left) with Caffè Nero staff and Alun Cairns.

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Students learn about rural careers

MORE than 150 pupils from schools throughout south Wales rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in at a Careers Wales' fair in Bridgend which helped them discover the opportunities available in land based careers in Wales.

The event, which was organised by Careers Wales in association with Bridgend College, took place at Pencoed Campus and saw year-9 pupils from 14 schools take part in workshops, activities and taster sessions with a diverse range of local businesses operating in areas such as countryside management, agriculture, horticulture, green keeping, equine studies and animal care.

The pupils attended the day-long event to find out for themselves about the exciting range of careers and new technological developments that are taking place within one of Wales' fastest growing industries.

Pupils had the chance to gain hands-on experience with

animals, from horses to reptiles, birds and smaller pets, helping them to learn about skills in zoo keeping, game keeping, forestry, stabling and equine dentistry.

Workshops and taster sessions from local employers such as Inscapes, Big Ideas Wales, Wildlife Trust, Out to Learn Willow, Liberty Horses, NFU, NFU Mutual, South

Wales Police (dog and mounted horse section) Bridgend County Borough Council parks, St Brides Trekking and Kenfig Nature Reserve, included insights into diverse aspects of land-based careers.

Hannah Stephens of Careers Wales, which organised the event, said: "This event was designed to give pupils a true feel of the different occupations

available to them within the land-based sector.

"We wanted to demonstrate the sorts of jobs they could consider and what the future job prospects are.

"We realise that the industry needs to attract young people and so the day gave them a chance to sample and research career ideas."

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Nostalgia, as Vicar Jon blesses circus Big Top!



Rev Jon Ormrod blessing the Big Top.

A VALE vicar had a nostalgic reminder of his past life when he blessed Circus Mondao's new big tent.

The priest-in-charge of the parishes of Sully

and Wenvoe with St Lythans is a former stage manager with the National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company.

"This was a first for me but I was delighted to oblige when the

circus rolled into Sully. I was told that it was a tradition within the circus for new tents/Big Tops to be blessed by the local vicar," said Rev Jon Ormrod.

"The blessing is carried out to ensure the safety and welfare of the performers, the animals and the audience.

"Using a branch from a yew tree at the church in Sully, I sprinkled holy water around the Big Top, the performers and the animals. It was a lovely occasion - everyone made me feel very welcome and it was great to do something a little bit different."

Circus ringmistress Petra Jackson said before performances started, as part of a long standing circus tradition, the new tent

needed to be blessed by the local vicar.

"We were very grateful to Rev Ormrod for carrying out the blessing, which was attended by all artists in full costume, all staff and animals.

"It was fantastic to find him, as with his theatrical background, it just seemed as though it was meant to be.

"Two of our performers were christened in the Big Top as children and many circus people also marry in the Big Top. The circus tent/Big Top is the centre piece of our lives and everything revolves around it. Without a tent, we are not a circus."

Circus Mondao has since moved on to Porthcawl from Sully.

S4C RIDE FOR HOSPICES



S4C staff celebrating their successful 190 mile marathon.

A GROUP of S4C employees cycled from Caernarfon to Cardiff recently - in aid of the Tŷ Gobaith and Tŷ Hafan children's hospices.

The 23 cyclists pedalled a total of 190 miles over three days to cross the finish line at the channel's headquarters in Llanishen, Cardiff on April 20.

Spokesman Chris Morris said: "There are many of us in S4C who enjoy cycling. We were a small group to start with, but as we talked to colleagues about our plans the numbers soon grew to over 20.

"We are grateful to everyone who has donated to the fund so far. Tŷ Gobaith and Tŷ Hafan do fantastic work supporting families and bringing happiness to children during the toughest times.

"We're glad to be able to contribute a little bit towards helping their work at both centres in the north and the south." The first day saw the cyclists take in 64 miles to their first overnight

stop in Corris, near Machynlleth. They then cycled 67 miles to the second stop near Brecon. And finally, on Monday, faced the final 59 miles to the finish line in Cardiff.

You can donate to both Tŷ Gobaith and Tŷ Hafan by visiting the dedicated Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/s4c>.

LIFT group's planned meetings

THE LIFT self help group offers support and friendship to those affected by breast cancer.

We meet in Cowbridge once a fortnight on Wednesdays, usually between 10am and 1pm, but sometimes between 2pm and 4pm for speakers or special activities.

The next meeting is on May 6 at 10am for relaxation therapies and then on May 20 at 2pm we have a speaker on healthy eating and lifestyle.

If you know anyone who might benefit from this group, please ring Anne on 01446 772843 or Judith 01446 794176. New members are always welcome, please come and bring a friend.

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Election candidates are on show in Cowbridge



ABOVE (left to right):

Chairman Rev David Boulton, Ian Johnson and Kevin Mahoney.

ISSUES such as housing in the Vale and the performance of the Welsh Assembly were to the forefront on Monday (April 27) when the parliamentary candidates were invited to a hustings at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge.

Five of the general election hopefuls in the Vale of Glamorgan constituency were present – Alun Cairns (Conservative); Chris Elmore (Labour); David Morgan (Lib-Dem); Ian Johnson (Plaid) and Kevin Mahoney (UKIP). Two candidates, Alan Armstrong (Green) and Steve Reed (Cannabis Is Safer Than Alcohol) sent their apologies, citing prior engagements. However, a statement from the two absentees was read out by the event's chairman, the Rev David Boulton.

The format for the evening was that each candidate opened with a two-minute statement, and then questions were asked, with each of the five getting one minute on the issue.

by PHILIP IRWIN

Rev Boulton proved to be a good-humoured but strict chairman, and anyone going over their time allocation was politely cut short.

Unlike *Question Time*, there was no arguing or interrupting across the table (in the hour that this reporter was present), with no heckling from the audience either, so it made for a civilised evening.

It meant that a decent number of issues were covered – as mentioned the Assembly and housing, and also immigration and the economy.

However, this was not the first hustling for the candidates, and their prior experience meant that there were no howlers and no radical departures from the party line.

In short, from a purely selfish point of view, this reporter left slightly disappointed, with no 'hold the front page' moments!

Cowbridge is not regarded as fertile ground for Labour, but Chris Elmore had an attentive audience, rather than a hostile one,

emphasising that his campaign was about "fairness".

Kevin Mahoney (pronounced Marney) was the most successful at raising a laugh, with his scathing views on the 'professional political classes' – of all parties.

Alun Cairns was still full of energy, despite completing the London Marathon the previous day, and it is fair to say that he was the most passionate speaker on the night, particularly, when he highlighted the case of Niamh Hurn, a young Barry girl who had recently needed to go outside Wales for a vital operation.

For Ian Johnson of Plaid, the level of support in the rural Vale does not compare with the party's power bases in Dinas Powys and Barry, but he doggedly pursued his argument that the Welsh Government wants to build far more houses in the Vale than is necessary (10,000 as opposed to Plaid's estimate of 5,600).

For the Liberal Democrats, David Morgan's evening seemed to be all about positioning the party for another coalition, and preserving it as a force on the centre-left.



ABOVE (left to right):

Alun Cairns, Chris Elmore and David Morgan.

Bristol Channel pilot cutters come to Barry

AT least five restored pilot cutters will be arriving in Barry on Friday, May 8, to take part in the annual Barry Yacht Club 'Cock of the Channel' race down towards Lundy Island.

The race, which was first established by the working Pilot Cutters, goes back to around 1936 when the winner was presented with the Silver Tern Cup and a club burgee embroidered with a cockerel, a tradition still carried out to this day.

The race, which starts at 9.50am on Saturday, May 9, will take the boats on a 100-mile course past Ilfracombe and then across to Swansea, arriving back in Barry sometime on Sunday afternoon, to be

LOCAL AM PRAISES 'MANVAN'

WALES' first ManVan – a 38ft American-style motorhome converted to bring dedicated mobile cancer support to communities across Wales – is celebrating a year of supporting men and their loved ones who have been affected by cancer.

The van will be doing the rounds again this year and men and their families are being encouraged to go along when it visits their area.

Regional AM for South Wales Central, Andrew RT Davies, said: "The ManVan is an innovative way to get the message across and provide support to men and their families affected by prostate or testicular cancer."

If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, call the Tenovus Cancer Care free support line on 0808 808 1010 or visit tenovuscancercare.org.uk.

Toshack and Keegan line up for Velindre

FAMED Liverpool strike duo John Toshack and Kevin Keegan will link up again in Cardiff in June – for a special charity evening.

It has been arranged by The Events Room to help raise funds for the Velindre Cancer Centre.

Mark Shepherd, a director of the company who has previously conquered Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Velindre, has also signed up for their next bike ride in September 2016, alongside Welsh rugby legend Martyn Williams.

The night will also celebrate an incredible 50 years in football for Tosh, who first played for Cardiff City in 1965 at the tender age of just 16. The one-off event will be held at The Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, on Friday, June 26.

The legendary players were dubbed 'Batman and Robin', thanks to their almost telepathic understanding during their time together for Liverpool in the 1970s. Toshack reigned supreme in the air, while Keegan thrived on the knockdowns.

Wales' Toshack scored 96 goals during his time at Anfield,

winning an array of silverware before managing Swansea City, Real Madrid, the national team and other leading sides around the footballing world.

Keegan scored 100 goals for Liverpool, many set up by Toshack, before heading off to Hamburg.

He also managed the England team and, memorably, Newcastle United.

The evening will commence at 7.30pm and will include a sumptuous three-course dinner, tales from football's golden era, live Q&A, raffle and auction. BBC Wales football correspondent Rob Phillips will host the evening.

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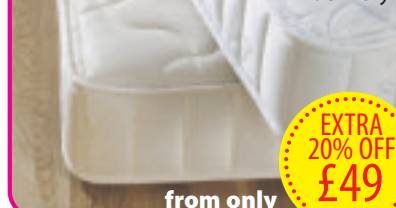


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THIS month, I intend to give some general news from in and around the Vale and therefore I am pleased to begin by confirming that the Vale Council is supporting business and tourism along the Vale's Heritage Coast, continuing with the Penarth Pier and Pavilion – in my opinion both potentially award-winning partnerships.

A great example is where the Vale Council has been shortlisted for a prestigious national award for planning excellence. The regeneration of Barry Island's eastern promenade has been named as a finalist for the Excellence in Planning and Design for the Public Realm Award at the RTPI Awards for Planning Excellence 2015.

The awards, run by the Royal Town Planning Institute, will be held at the Pullman, London St Pancras, on July 6.

The regeneration work saw the renovation of the eastern shelter and promenade, new

gardens and easier access to the promenade and eastern beach, and new colourful lighting for the shelter, as well as the former changing rooms converted into new toilet facilities and a new water mist feature in the shape of ammonite fossils built below a covered events area.

The main attractions of the scheme, however, have been the popular traversing wall designed by artist Gordon Young, and the variety of colourful beach huts along the promenade, available for hire all year round.

The 80 finalists highlight exceptional examples of planning that have made an impact and brought considerable benefits. It will be a tremendous challenge picking individual category winners from such a high quality field. I am therefore hopeful we will have some good news on the night.

I am also pleased to note that there will be a Lottery boost for the Vale Heritage Coast. The Big Lottery has announced it will be awarding a grant to the Vale Council to boost the employment potential of the area.

Approximately £224,760 will be used to support the

expansion and creation of micro enterprises in the area. There will also be funding to replace the existing slipway at Dunraven Bay in Southerndown, along with storage units for on and off shore activities.

I am delighted that the Big Lottery has awarded this grant to support an area often regarded as a hidden gem by many. It is a testament to the work of our officers and the project will be led by the council's rural development team, Creative Rural Communities. The team will be continuing its aim of encouraging economic development by awarding funding to create sustainable economic growth and jobs.

I am sure this will give a well-deserved boost to tourism in the area and build upon our excellent rural development programme.

As you may know, the Vale has partnered the energy project known as Cyd Cymru, where people can sign up for cheaper energy through the scheme. As a result of the success of the scheme and the number of switchers, the Vale Council has been able to receive a share of the community fund that was also part

VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun
**NEIL
MOORE**
Leader of the
Vale of
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Council

of the scheme.

The collective energy switching scheme, launched in 2013 by the council, saved customers an average of £185 per household in its first year. Since its launch, more than 5,000 people have registered with the scheme which uses collective buying power to negotiate a range of unique tariffs.

For every satisfied customer, money is paid into a community fund. The amount each council receives depends on the number of people living in that area who have made the switch.

Therefore, we have decided to give a donation to the Vale foodbanks, who will receive a donation of £2,370.53.

More information and details on how to register can be found at www.cydycymru-

accreditation through Street Games, a sports charity that supports a network of projects which provides sports and volunteering opportunities to young people in disadvantaged communities across the UK.

This project is mainly being funded via the Vale Sport (LAPA) funding provided by Sport Wales.

Five free multisport sessions are now taking place on a weekly basis in the identified areas within Barry, in local parks, multi-use games areas or indoor venues. In addition, a partnership has been formed with

the PCSOs and local volunteers to enhance an existing doorstep sport football project and there have been further developments to an existing bike club running in Gibbonsdown.

This project also impacts on developing the education and employability of local residents. The identification, training and retention of volunteers has been a key part of this project.

A large proportion of individuals accessing the doorstep sport volunteering opportunities, and subsequently training courses, have been classified as Not in

Employment, Education or Training (NEETs). Therefore, it is hoped there is a longer-term benefit for such individuals in engaging with the project, providing them with training and experience to increase their skills, confidence and opportunities to gain employment.

To date, 23 individuals have taken up training opportunities and there have been 12 who have regularly volunteered over a sustained period within the project, of which 50 per cent are classified as either at risk of becoming or as already classified as NEET.

A commemoration of Victory in Europe Day

ON Sunday, May 10 at 10.30am, the Royal British Legion in Barry will be hosting a service of commemoration marking the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe – VE Day.

Everyone is welcome to join us, and for this service we are happy for people who need it to bring along a fold-up garden chair to sit on.

Please only bring a chair, though, if it is required, as space will not allow for everyone to do so.

We are sure that many people in Barry and surrounding areas have memories of that day, inevitably those memories, while celebrating the end of the war in Europe, may be tinged with sadness for lost family members and

friends.

Please meet at the Barry Memorial Hall Cenotaph at 10.30am.

Should you wish to lay a wreath, telephone Roy on 07900 660657 to discuss your requirements.

Should you wish to take an active part in the service, either by involving your youth organisation, adult organisation or parading a Standard, please ring me on 07776 111385. Keep up to date with what we are doing by following us on Facebook, Royal British Legion Barry.

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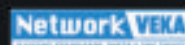
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Wheelchair-accessible ramp gives disabled riders a lift



Photographs by IAN DIXON

APRIL 22 marked the official opening of a £3,500 wheelchair-accessible ramp presented to the 'Vale of Glamorgan Riding for the Disabled' at the Grange, St Bride's Super Ely, by the Rotary Club of Barry.

It will enable disabled children to experience the joy of riding and was made on behalf of the club by Barry-based company Fabmec Ltd.

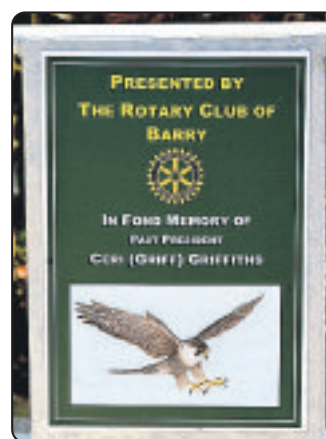
The Vale group which helps disabled children to achieve more, celebrated its 50th anniversary last year and relies on voluntary help and donations.

Organiser Clare Cory said the ramp, modelled after one designed for the Special Olympics, had made a

tremendous difference making it much easier for the students to get on the ponies, especially those using wheelchairs. They are now able to help 20 students.

The Rotary Club of Barry raised over £1,400 from a 'Pork in the Park' barbecue in August at the Welsh Hawking Centre, organised by past president Griff, who tragically died later in the year. The rest came from the Rotary Club's other fundraising events held during the year, such as the annual Fireworks Fiesta.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Glenbrook Inn on Thursdays 6pm for 6.30pm. If you would like further information, speak to club secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000, or look online at www.rribi.org.



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L L A N M A E S gardens, at Llanmaes near Llantwit Major, CF61 2XR, will be open to the public for charity on Sunday, May 3, from 1pm to 6pm.

Old Froglands is an historic farmhouse with streams and woodland areas linked by bridges. The vegetable plot is now productive. Plantings are varied with interesting foliage.

West Winds is a work in progress. It was a beautiful and much-loved garden that sadly became overgrown and is now being reclaimed.

Pathways weave through terraces with balustrades, wooded areas and lawns with views over the village and open fields. The

garden has a full range of aspects from deep shade to full sun, and is shared and enjoyed with a diverse collection of wildlife.

Church Cottage has a pretty cottage garden and has seen significant work over the past two years.

Brown Lion House is a newly-renovated garden around mature trees and shrubs with patios and pathways.

Gadlys Farm House is one acre of informal garden surrounding a 17th century farmhouse.

Various sitting areas to relax amongst mature trees, herbaceous borders, summerhouse water feature and courtyard with planters.

Mehefin is an enchanting garden with bursts of colour.

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Trerhyngyll Gardens, Cowbridge, CF71 7TN: Trerhyngyll is a peaceful countryside hamlet of some 60 dwellings, nestling in the gently folding hills of the Vale. The three gardens are typical of the hamlet.

Open Monday, May 4, (2pm-6pm). Combined admission £5, child free. Home-made teas.

Leigh's call to support Ty Hafan



Tŷ HAFAN, the hospice for children in Wales, is asking primary schools in the Vale to take part in its 'Fancy Dress Friday' fundraiser on May 15 to help life-limited children and their families create memories they will cherish forever.

Wales rugby star Leigh Halfpenny, an ambassador for Tŷ Hafan, is supporting the campaign, which is taking place during Children's Hospice Week.

Leigh said: "Tŷ Hafan is an amazing charity that helps children and their families make the most of the time they have left together. Please be a hero this Children's Hospice Week and help Tŷ Hafan

care for more families across Wales."

The theme for this year's Children's Hospice Week is 'Making every Moment Count' which is why Tŷ Hafan is appealing to teachers and pupils across Wales to dress as their favourite hero from a moment in time.

It could be a historical figure, a music idol, sports star or even a character from their favourite TV show.

The school which raises the most funds could even be in with a chance to win a visit from a Welsh rugby hero thanks to ESS, Education Staffing Solutions, who are supporting the campaign.

For more information please visit www.tyhafan.org/momentscount or call 029 2053 2255.

Heritage buses in Barry

ON Sunday, May 3, the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group is offering free heritage bus rides all day from its 1930s base at The Bus Depot, Broad Street, in Barry.

This year, the charity group that restores old buses has a number of recent acquisitions on show and hopes to be operating, for the first time, a former Cardiff Bus Dennis Dart, built as recently as 1995, 20 years ago.

The rest are much

older. There are two late 1970s former Cardiff Bus Bristol VR type double deckers, one an open top new to the collection, but those running on the day giving trips will include seven from the 1960s and two from the 1980s.

Mike Taylor, chairman of the heritage bus restoration group said: "On Sunday, May 3, we are offering local people the chance to experience a wide range of old buses and coaches on free trips around Barry, to Rhoe or to Penarth. Buses run every half hour from The Bus Depot."

The bus restoration centre will be open for visitors to look around at some of the group's historic vehicle collection.

Mike continued: "Our biggest event of the year is, of course, the Barry Festival of Transport in June, but this early May event is the third one we have put on and has proved very popular with local people."

The Spring Heritage Bus Running Day starts at 10:30am and buses leave half hourly until 4:30pm, with all journeys starting at The Bus Depot, Broad Street in Barry.



A Guy Arab V dating from 1964, once part of the City of Cardiff bus fleet, seen giving free rides at a past event. If the weather is good, it will be operating again on Sunday, May 3.

Ness is a sweet girl!

The GEM has joined forces with The Dogs Trust to find homes for canines at the Bridgend rehoming centre, 01656 725219.



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Linda Feagan, (Supporter relations officer Dogs Trust Bridgend)

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Five centuries of the Welsh in London

IN a new three-part series on S4C that started last Sunday, Huw Edwards a'r Cymry Estron: Stori Cymry Llundain, Huw Edwards takes a look at the history of Welsh people living in London.

What influence have the Welsh had on one of the world's biggest capital cities and how has London influenced the life of Wales and the Welsh?

Huw Edwards was born in Bridgend and brought up in Llangennech, but has lived with his wife and five children in London for many years. An active member of the London Welsh community, he finds the history of the Welsh in London fascinating.

"The story of the London Welsh is relevant to anyone who is interested in the history of Wales. One of the most important elements is the religion of the Welsh living in London. I spent five years researching

ploughing through the history of the Welsh chapels and churches in the city.

"This was a project and a half. But there is also an abundance of other information - over five centuries of history of the Welsh living in London," he says.

The S4C series takes viewers to a number of sites with strong Welsh connections, including the Tower of London, Big Ben and Westminster Cathedral. Huw reveals that one of the highlights of the filming for him was a chance find!

"Perhaps one of the highlights for me was coming across the grave of a prominent Welshman from the Victorian era in a cemetery, which is now part of a nature reserve. There are buildings and monuments dedicated to him in Wales, but his resting place is among the brambles of Stoke Newington," says Huw.

Huw Edwards a'r Cymry Estron: Stori Cymry Llundain (part two) is on Sunday, May 3 at 8pm, S4C.

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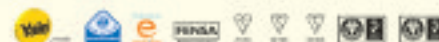
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WHEDON IS THE REAL STAR AS AVENGERS SEQUEL BALANCES STYLE AND SUBSTANCE



by
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WITH the summer blockbuster season having officially kicked off with the arrival of *Fast & Furious 7*, it's now time to start wheeling out the big guns for the public's consumption.

First up is *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, as Marvel's great and good superheroes combine together yet again to take down evil. This time around,

however, the evil is as a result of Tony Stark/Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr) attempting to create an army to take over the Avengers' mantle as global protectors; the artificial intelligence becomes too strong and takes shape as Ultron (voiced by James Spader), a machine intent on destroying the thing that puts humanity most at risk – and that is humanity itself.

Along with Quicksilver (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) and Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth

Olsen), will the trio prove too strong for Earth's mightiest heroes?

The question Marvel and writer/director Joss Whedon faced when embarking upon this sequel was, how exactly do you set out to top a film almost universally lauded for its scope, ability to balance the requirements of numerous characters and plot points, and all-round blockbuster entertainment?

The answer comes loud and clear with *Age of Ultron*, a film that

may not be as light on its feet as its predecessor, but is just as thrilling and satisfying, a rush of excitement and spectacle that does exactly what you would hope it would, namely entertain.

That Whedon would undertake a second outing, having tied together the numerous characters so incredibly well first time around, hints at either a deep love for the universe or a masochistic delight in mangling his brain beyond belief.

You can't but feel it's a bit of both, as, due to the characters' individual outings, the landscape for the Avengers has changed in three years, Whedon having to take on board various plot strands at various stages of development for each character – and that he comes up trumps is a testament to his ability as a writer.

His direction is also a lot more confident, both in terms of his ability to marshal the story and also in terms of the action set-pieces, which, from a James Bond-esque opening raid that showcases the whole team in one shot, to a Hulk/Iron Man smackdown, are wonderfully realised.

All characters here get their moment in the sun, with some story strands perhaps lingering a little longer than others, but they all manage to connect. Most impressive is the way that Whedon takes some of the weight from the 'stars' of the film, like Iron Man, and spreads it around, with Jeremy Renner's

Hawkeye benefiting the most (and delivering a strong turn), while subplots like those in and around Bruce Banner/Hulk and Black Widow's will they-won't they romance carrying the emotional

weight.

With zingy dialogue to the fore (best exemplified by Chris Hemsworth's deadpan delivery as Norse god Thor), Whedon adds zip even when the film finds itself slowed down by the gears of the plot, the story densely fitted together with no let up, but that it still moves at a lively pace benefits it greatly.

The performances all fit in perfectly, though outside of Renner, Mark Ruffalo's perpetually anguished Banner, Scarlett Johansson's Black Widow and Hemsworth, James Spader's voice work makes Ultron one of the better villains to appear in the Marvel universe thus far.

If he never quite becomes as powerful as he could, this shortcoming is allayed a little by Spader's malevolent tones, a mix of dark wit and menace that hits the spot perfectly.

A minor quibble is that a Marvel film ends in yet another airborne battle (something that is starting to get particularly tiresome, especially given the refreshing style in which the studio goes about their projects), while the lengthy running time of 141 minutes, incredibly, could have benefited

from a bit longer in order to fully satisfy the elements of the story that get lost in the fervour of the narrative.

However, these are minor quibbles, bugbears that can be overlooked given the frenetic thrill ride that *Avengers: Age of Ultron* takes you on, a glorious blockbuster film that can't help but leave you with a smile on your face.

VERDICT –

Avengers: Age of Ultron is one of the sprightliest, densely-filled blockbusters of recent memory, thanks to the shepherding of Joss Whedon who does a sterling job in creating an action-packed effort that balances style and substance incredibly well.

Despite resorting to the predictable airborne climax, there is plenty to savour in this comic book outing. Highly recommended.

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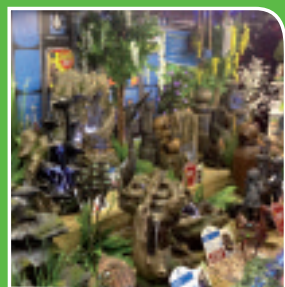
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The Food and Drink Festival's ticket offer!

THIS year, the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival decided to offer advanced ticket sales on their website.

This is facilitated by a Penarth-based company Ticketsource and is proving very popular.

Event organiser Polly Wilson explained: "This is a new avenue for us; we set up the link in January and immediately started seeing ticket sales trickling in, which was amazing as the festival is in May. Now, it is really taking off!"

With 2015 day ticket prices remaining at £5 and weekend tickets at £8, with 10 per cent off

and the comparatively small booking charge per transaction (not per ticket as with other providers), you make a saving immediately on over two tickets and will skip the ticket office queues over the weekend.

You will be sent confirmation of the order which you simply take to the Arthur John car park entrance where there will be a dedicated entrance to scan your booking and receive your wristbands.

As with 2013, the wristband tickets will then allow you access to all festival sites and activities, as well as offer many benefits with traders around Cowbridge.

The 10 per cent off tickets offer is being extended until May

6, specifically so that readers of this issue of The Gem can benefit.

On May 6 tickets will revert to full price but will still be available until May 22, and of course will be available on the day.

The Festival will also give a Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival recipe book (to be collected from the main marquee) to the first 100 bookings who quote GEM as part of their name when booking a ticket, eg. enter 'Helen Jones - GEM'.

Full details of the festival are available on the website: cowbridgefoodanddrink.org/buy-tickets.

Councillor is 'confused' by Cairns' claims on Barry Island regeneration

I ADMIT to being confused by claims made by Vale Conservative candidate Alun Cairns (GEM, April 23) in relation to the part he played in the regeneration of Barry Island. I would be grateful if Mr Cairns could enlighten me as to any role he actually played.

The successful return of a funfair to Barry Island followed many months of discussions between the Vale Council, Mr Danter and the site owners.

In addition, the much-praised regeneration of the Eastern Promenade was the result of the Vale Council and Welsh Government working together over a number of years.

Similarly, the successful renegotiation of delivery of the second Island road was between the Vale Council, Welsh Government and the Waterfront consortium. I am not sure of any direct involvement of the UK government or Mr Cairns.

I'm happy to provide full proof of my involvement and the input of council officers and would challenge Mr Cairns to provide some evidence to back up his claims.

Coun Lis Burnett, (cabinet member for regeneration, Vale Council).

Alun Cairns responded:

I am grateful to The Gem for giving me the opportunity to respond to the letter from Penarth councillor, Lis Burnett.

In terms of my action, readers needn't take my word for it. Fairground owner, Henry Danter has said: "This would not have gone ahead without Alun

Cairns, who did a great job of banging heads together and supporting everyone involved".

I worked with the various agents, the District Valuer and highlighted the risks to the local authority. Details of the tens of meetings, scores of phone calls and letters to various partners are available on my website.

Regular GEM readers will recall the several updates I gave along the way through my column.

It was also a privilege to take Mr Danter to Downing Street to maintain momentum. I also co-ordinated meetings with key groups in Barry - Pride in Barry and Focus Barry. I felt it was essential to involve local community champions.

The fact is that the landowners, Hilco, considered walking away from the deal on several occasions. It was only with encouragement that they agreed to close the deal with Mr Danter, in spite of the conditions placed on them by the authority. It was only by encouraging persistence from both parties could we win the deal.

The letter demonstrates how out of touch the council cabinet is with regeneration issues in Barry.

I was fearful that unless a deal was struck, the site would have been left derelict, even more run down and an eyesore to visitors. Now, the rejuvenated fairground is attracting visitors and supporting all traders on Barry Island.

This is the start and I am now working with other developers who are showing an interest in investing in Barry Island. I want to see new restaurants, shops and other facilities to make the location a 'year round' resort suitable for all ages.

£250k upgrade at VW dealership

A MAJOR £250,000 refurbishment is due to get under way this month at a Bridgend car retailer.

Sinclair Volkswagen, at Celtic Court, Tremains Road, is doing the work to improve the customer experience but is stressing that it will be business as usual while the refurbishment is carried out.

The work, which should take around 10 weeks, will deliver a state-of-the-art new showroom with improved customer facilities and will feature electrical charging points for the new Volkswagen electric and hybrid vehicles.

Group operations manager Clive Williams said he thought customers would be impressed once the work was finished in late June. He said: "These are very exciting times for Volkswagen and the Sinclair Group. We are all really looking forward

to the redevelopment. The showroom will be stunning." As part of the redevelopment, Sinclair Volkswagen has recently expanded its sales and after-sales teams. Clive added: "Both our sales and after-sales teams will operate from portable cabins sited on our forecourt during the construction period. We are pleased that the upgrade of our facilities will also cater for the growing Volkswagen electric and hybrid range."

During the refurbishment, there will be limited 'waiting service appointments'. However, the retailer offers alternative transportation options such as local lifts, courtesy cars and collection and delivery of vehicles.

For more details visit www.sinclairvolkswagen.co.uk/after-sales/convenience-options/forward-transport-options/.

Rural crime strategy discussed

A RECENT Rural Watch demonstration and information event gave Farmers' Union of Wales Glamorganshire members an insight into the latest developments in rural crime prevention.

The demonstration was held at FUF Glamorganshire county executive officer Rachel Saunders' farm at Blackland Farm, Bonvilston, and organised with the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Farmers heard that the Police force is in the process of creating a rural crime strategy to target typical rural crime in the hope that a standard rural crime strategy can eventually be enforced across Wales.

"It was great for our members to be able to discuss some of the methods currently used

to prevent rural crime, for example with trial cameras which record activity during the day and night to capture what is happening in barns and fields," said Mrs Saunders.

"We were particularly pleased to hear that the police want to build on the simple methods of community messaging systems which in the Vale is Rural Watch and includes Gate Safe, e-mails and texts to inform members of the rural community about suspicious activities. "The Gate Safe scheme was set up during the time when fly grazing was at its peak in the Vale and was a great way to engage with farmers and the rural community."

"All who attended found the demonstration very informative and left with a lot of information and ideas to protect their property, as well as important contact details of the police officers in charge of rural crime in the Vale area," added Mrs Saunders.

Bristol Channel traffic congestion...

A LOOK AT COLLISIONS AROUND THE COAST

ONE might think that it would not be too difficult for ships to keep out of each other's way, but bearing in mind that most vessels chose to head for the optimum route, finding another navigating in the same location can cause all kinds of problems.

First, there is the weather. Today there are many navigational aids such as radar which are relatively recent in maritime history. For centuries, when caught in fog sailors fired muskets to issue a warning of their presence to any ships in the vicinity.

In very bad weather, poor visibility has been the cause of many a shipping disaster. A severe gale can also send a vessel hurtling in all the wrong directions.

Second, the very high tidal range on our stretch of water causes very strong currents that can take ships off course; and third, there's human error.

The amount of vessels making their way in and out of Penarth, Cardiff and Barry was particularly dangerous at night time for skippers. Mind you, it seems that some captains just didn't bother to look!

I am dealing with a relative handful over the last 150 years or so; readers may well be aware of dozens more! Even before Penarth Docks were opened in 1865 we find, on October 14, 1860, an Austrian ship in collision with the French schooner *Jeune Honore* off Lavernock Point.

The Bristol pilot cutter came to rescue three men aboard the French ship who fell into the sea, along with the ship's foremast. Then on December 3, 1863, the barque *Ellings* collided with the full-rigged *Jupiter* of London off Penarth Head in a full north-westerly gale.

The Penarth lifeboat *George Gay* went to the rescue of eight crewmen on the *Jupiter* although, in the event, she was navigated to safety.

Bad weather was again the culprit on November 1, 1872, when the *Magna Charta* of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the Norwegian barque *Jernbyrd* collided in

Penarth Roads. Again, the Penarth lifeboat went into action to assist the *Jernbyrd*, which was holed below the waterline and at risk of sinking.

In the event, emergency repairs carried out by the crew were sufficiently successful for the ship to be towed into Cardiff for repairs.

On the evening of March 29, 1887, the *Strathallan* disaster occurred. Just after 10pm that night, the *Strathallan* left Cardiff for St Malo with coal and one passenger. However, *Adara*, on her way into Penarth Roads, somehow fell foul of a small schooner and dropped anchor to inspect for any damage.

Gaining speed, the captain of the *Strathallan* misjudged the clearance between the two ships and then – disaster. *Strathallan* sank in minutes and five souls were lost in the collision. A few months later, a team from Trinity House arrived to blow up the *Strathallan* to clear the seaway.

STORM DAMAGE

Moving on to October 1890, our attention moves round the coast to Sully where yet another severe gale caused the *Lord Derby* to collide with the *Henry Brand*, at anchor awaiting fair weather, before proceeding to Southampton with her cargo of coal. Having been holed twice in the bows, her master, Captain Sealy, slipped anchor and headed for Penarth mud, where she sank.

With her cargo of iron ore, the *Lord Derby* headed for the shore where she was beached to await repairs.

In the same month the *Glen Gelder* of Aberdeen, heading for Barry for repairs to storm damage, was run down by the Norwegian vessel *Aklert* which did not stop! Despite being taken in tow by the tug *Speedwell*, she sank off Sully (though was later raised and taken into repair at Cardiff).

One of Penarth's many seamen Mr Greatrix, second engineer of the *Aberdare*, on its way to St Nazaire with coal, lost his life when his vessel was struck down by the *Niobe* of Glasgow in

by BRIAN KEITCH

a collision off Barry Island in March 1899.

Meanwhile, the sheer congestion of shipping in the lanes off Penarth made mishaps inevitable. One victim was the Penarth to Cardiff ferry boat *Iona*. It had been announced in January 1898 that the little boat had undergone extensive repairs and refitting, including new boilers.

Then, in late February, at 1am, she was just entering Penarth Dock between the piers when the *Jane Joliffe* tug boat, which was manoeuvring to bring her stern to the dock to start for sea, collided with the *Iona*, by which the latter's paddle-box and sponson were loosened and portions carried away. She had to be laid up for repairs while the *Jane Joliffe* sustained no damage.

On February 22, 1902, it was reported that the barque *Persian*, which had left Cardiff with coal for Table Bay, was run into by the steamer *Florence Pyle* in Penarth Roads. The Board of Trade was called in to make an inspection.

On May 10 of the same year, a ketch belonging to Bridgewater named the *Ornate* of 112 tons was "sunk at approximately 2am on Saturday morning after having been run down by the *SS Sinbad* of Newcastle".

The roads were crowded with shipping, and the *Sinbad* narrowly escaped coming into contact with a steamer at anchor, only to find another close by which she had to avoid, and in doing so was compelled to run into the *Ornate*, which lay helplessly at anchor.

Fortunately, the crew escaped, some by climbing aboard the steamer, and the captain by getting into his own boat, and in it rescuing another man who had taken to the water. The vessel sank about two miles from Penarth Pier in a southerly direction.

Indeed, a week earlier, the *Cruiser* was run down off Penarth Head. The captain's

body was not recovered and after she was raised for salvage, the body of a young boy named Gaskell was found in his bunk. He came from Liverpool, and a further member of the crew was declared missing.

UNDERWATER PERILS

Yet another collision off Penarth, which could have had very serious consequences, occurred in September 1903. On a Tuesday evening, the popular P&A Campbell paddle steamer *Ravenswood*, fully loaded from Cardiff came into contact with the *Harrow* which was bound for Penarth Docks, striking her on the port side and badly smashing the plates about midships.

Earlier in the same year, in April, the pilot boat *Vivid* was in collision with an unidentified steamer off Sully and was rescued by the tugboat *Fastnet*.

The year ended with another mishap when the *SS Hanley* (Messrs Thomas, Radcliffe & Co) came into collision with the *SS Aldworth* of Sunderland off Penarth Dock just after midnight. The last-named was a "splendid vessel of 5,000 tons, and was cut down to the water, and had to be beached on the mud, afterwards docking in the Mount Stuart Dry Dock".

Even ships at the bottom can still provide perils for those afloat, as was the case in spectacular style off the coast of Barry in 1920. On May 9, 1920, the Finnish steamship *Merkur* left Barry Dock with a shipment of coal to Las Palmas when she was in collision with the Newport-bound *Castro Alen* from Spain.

Though badly damaged at the stem, *Castro Alen* managed to make Newport, but the *Merkur* began sinking at once. Fortunately, the crew were rescued by another steamer. Although a 'wreck buoy' was placed on the evening of September 19, the *Zelo*, with 3,000 tons of iron ore bound for Cardiff sailed straight into the wreck of the *Merkur*. *Zelo* started to sink almost immediately.

The crew escaped in a raft, watching their ship go down minutes later. The

pilot cutter *Fancy* heard the crew's shouts for assistance. One crew member – the steward – was not among the survivors.

He was thought to have still been below deck when the ship went under. Salvage operations were attempted but such dangerous obstacles in busy shipping lanes clearly had to be blown up!

Much more recently on Sunday, August 16, 1965 when the P&A Campbell paddle steamer *Cardiff Queen* (the last of this type of vessel ever built in the UK) was backing out of Barry Pier, a small coastal tanker, the *Wheeldale H* came around against the signal from the harbour master and collided with the *Cardiff Queen's* port quarter stowing in three portholes.

As the damage was above the waterline *Cardiff Queen* was permitted to carry out her sailings until permanent repairs could be completed. *Cardiff Queen* was withdrawn from service after the 1966 season, while her quasi-sister *Bristol Queen* came to grief the following season – again at Barry – this time "colliding with an underwater obstacle" which badly damaged her already frail paddle wheels.

She was immediately laid up and retired from service. Her final collision added insult to injury when, laid up in Queen Alexandra Dock awaiting a purchaser, she was hit and badly damaged by the Liberian tanker *Geodor* while manoeuvring with tugs in high winds. *Bristol Queen's* bulwarks, starboard bow and bridge were all crushed.

Bristol Queen's last journey was under tow of the tug *Fairplay XI* on Wednesday, March 21, 1968, bound for the breaker's yard in Flushing, Belgium.

The *Cardiff Queen* was soon to follow. After an abortive effort to save her as a floating club/restaurant in Newport came to nothing – she too ended up in the breakers – this time Messrs Cashmore's (as did the Campbell steamers *Ravenswood* and *Britannia* before her).

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Targeting major bank panels has been a key focus for the commercial agent having appointed senior commercial surveyor Jonathan Davies in 2014, who has a wealth of experience working with major

banks and building societies.

Jonathan Davies, senior commercial surveyor at HRT Commercial, said: "We're delighted to have been appointed to several major bank panels and building societies. Over the years, we have witnessed an increased willingness from a number of banks to lend, which is leading to an increase of commercial valuations, so by being appointed to these panels, it really opens up a new market to us."

"It is a rigorous process to become part of the panels, which often involves drafting sample reports or answering questionnaires, so it's a great achievement to know our hard work and dedication has been recognised. We're looking forward to continuing to expand our work in this market in the future."

Daniel Rees, relationship director at HSBC, said: "It's extremely important to us to have high quality advisors that we trust to ensure valuations reflect the true worth of the property and we felt HRT really demonstrated their knowledge and experience and were very honest throughout the whole process. We are delighted to have them as part of our bank panel advisors and look forward to working with them on future projects."

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PRAISE FOR 'CHAMPION'

THROUGH your letters page, I would personally like to thank Mr Alun Cairns for his tireless hard work championing the Vale, as well as helping individuals with various issues.

On a personal note, Mr Cairns gave our action group much needed support to protect a greenfield site at Primrose Hill from being turned into a housing estate.

Tim Bird, Cowbridge.

Christians are being persecuted

IWRITE to comment briefly on the coming general election in Barry, to discourage voters from voting Conservative because of their policies put into law that are opposed to Christian principles that have been held in Britain for centuries.

This is most clearly seen in the 'Same Sex' marriage law that sanctions sexual activity that the Bible calls sinful in God's sight.

Christians who are

concerned to speak and act with good conscience before God are now being persecuted with threats of fines or imprisonment for doing so. While we are ready to suffer for our faith, can our society want us to do so?

Since all the other parties but one supported this in Parliament it would seem right to abstain from voting for a party that did not support it.

John Cook, Barry.

(GEM note: Whatever one's opinions, above all, it is vitally important that people exercise their vote.)

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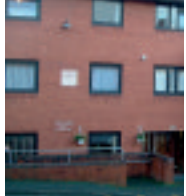


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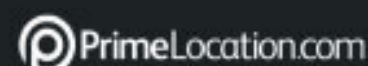
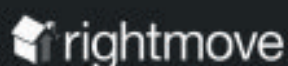


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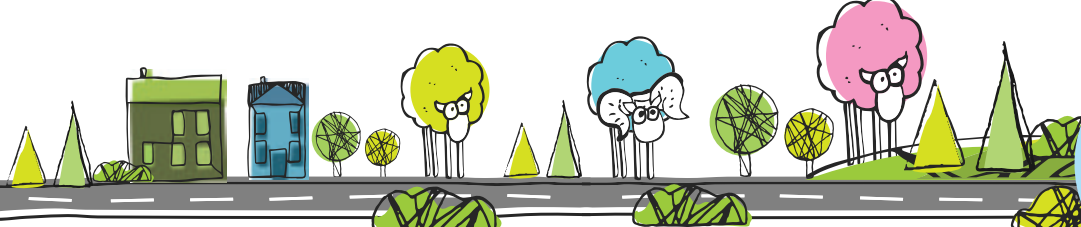


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Top rink was that skipped by Tony Freeman winning by 28-7, ably supported by Dave Noble, Clive Tapscott and Bob Wyatt.

Another good win came over the rink of Keith Clements, Mike Gronow, Tony Jones and

skip Bryn Gough, who ran out winners 28-14.

The rink skipped by Howard Jones had a tough battle with the opposing rink and after 19 ends the score stood at 18-18 but the skip and Phil Herbert, Terry Mahoney and Paul Clarke raised their games over the final two ends, seeing Romilly collect a three and a

single to win 22-18.

The only rink to lose was that skipped by Des Bannister, who were just three behind after 11 ends but then only managed to take a single on end 14, losing 11 shots on ends 15 to 21, going down 6-20. The final score was Romilly 'A' 84, Millwood 'A' 59.

This coming Saturday, the Romilly club side get their season on track with a Carruther's Shield game away to Kenfig Hill.

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Barry and District ladies skittle league results

RESULTS for week commencing March 30 are as follows:

First Division: Allsorts (L Thomas 28) 273, Red Admiral (C Stacey 26) 250; Coppers (M Parsons 32) 342, Space Finders (L Humbury 32) 319; S V Gals (K Hawkins 32) 288, Cigar Ladies (P Atkinson 30) 287; Barry Stars (T Lambeth, L Lambeth 33) 332, Bakers Dozen (A James 37) 320; Castaways (M Winder 26) 363, Family and Friends (R Cummings 31) 232.

Second Division: Strikers (G Giles 28) 235, Bobby's Girls (L Evans 22) 220; Roller Coasters (S Jones, P Thomas 24) 197, Castle Bandits (D Collard 24) 226; Witchill Widows (S Murray 33) 311, Cad Con Fillies (V Heard 38) 313; Divas (C Jenkins 26) 199, Breakaways (B Thurston 24) 250; After Eights (P Mephram 32) 305, Rhooose Starlights (D Stradline 28) 269; S V Lights (D Masterman, L Norris 26) 234, Witchill Weebies (M Smith 34) 250; Clickies (M Williams 32) 293, Vixens (K Thomas 34) 292.

Third Division: Rhooose Ravers (A Robinson, J Bowsley 23) 227, S V

Ladies (N Barry 27) 223; Jolly Dollies (M Enticot, V Jackson 23) 211, Lil's Devils (P Weston 22) 207; Airways Angels (M Carpenter 30) 241, Etcetera (K Baker 24) 219; Westenders (D Andrews 25) 226, Merry Makers (M Payne, C Hatcher 27) 255; Hill Billies (C Whyman, G Moorcraft 31) 316, Friends and Neighbours (C Ferris 31) 312; Dolly Mixtures (E Bryan 25) 220, Persuaders (E Scott, K Phillips 21) 150; Witchill Wanderers (W Peplow 32) 286, Rugby Triers (N Williams 30) 259.

Fourth Division: Twilights (S Ellis 27) 218, Wyndham Witches (V Walters 24) 199; Rebels (R Sutton 28) 203, Labelles (S Davies, B Day 22) 198; BFFs (H Lloyd 27) 237, Fallen Angels (L Chambers 25) 209; Oddbods (S Ellis 26) 230, Challengers (L Morgan 23) 175.

Fifth Division: Barry Ravers (L Smit 24) 221, Nite Outers (J Davies, M Hudson 21) 147; Liberals (C Chatwell, E McLaggan 25) 218, Aristocats (A Scott 24) 181; Hell Raisers (C Davies, J Rosser 24) 218, Guardian Angels (I Overton, L Harris 27) 229.

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Long time member and past captain of Tredegar Park Golf Club and past president of South Wales Coast Golf Society, Royal Corps of Signals.

Died peacefully in Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court Home, Porthcawl on April 14, after a long battle fought with courage and determination, aged 86 years.

Devoted husband of Mair, who died in January 2015, dad of Heather and Christine and their husbands Rodger and Martyn; also proud and much loved grandpa of Beth, bampa of James and Jonathan.

Funeral at Cowbridge United Free Church, Westgate, Cowbridge CF71 7AQ on Tuesday, May 5 at 11.45am, followed by Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Velindre Fundraising, Velindre Cancer Centre, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 2TL. Club/society or regimental ties. Contact Thomas Bros 01446 775681.

JENKINS

Joyce

Peacefully passed away at Llandough Hospital on April 3. Dear sister of Barbara, Sheila, Rosie and Len. She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral service at AG Adams & Sons Funeral Home at 12 noon on Friday, May 1, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm.

Family flowers only, but donations in lieu can be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

LOOSMORE

William (Bill)

Carol, Gareth and Sally wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their love and support at this very sad time, and for their attendance at Bill's funeral.

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Eileen Eeles would like to thank all her friends for the lovely cards and flowers, presents and donations received on the occasion of her 90th Birthday. A special thank you to David and Diane and also to St Peter's Church and St Curig's Church and the Rhosue Art Club.

Birthdays

Happy 15th Birthday

JOE BAKER



on 5 May. Lots of love Mum, Dad, Abigail & all the family xxx

Happy 18th Birthday

Chloe Watkins

on 3rd May * My darling Princess, love you with all my heart. So very proud of you, you're a beautiful young woman.

All our love Mum, Sam, Josh, Jake, Matty & the adopted one Gee xxx



(Smiley) Miley Jones

Happy 7th Birthday Sweetheart



Blow you kisses every day A special kiss is on its way Love Nan & Gramps Love you always xxx

Happy 18th Birthday

CHLOE WATKINS

on 3 May

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Lots of love, Nanny, Bampy, Auntie Helen, Uncle Rob, Auntie Sian, Uncle Grant, Steph, Tasha & Lucy xxxx

Public Notices

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL • CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00341/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: New pitched roof over existing flat roof to provide first floor accommodation and minor adaptations

Location:/Lleoliad: The Bungalow, 7, Rectory Road Lane, Penarth
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00369/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Amendments of site boundaries and location of dwelling within the site, new gazebo structure adjacent to swimming pool, and replacement storage building in lieu of an existing dilapidated railway carriage, to house animal feed and small livestock/poultry
Location:/Lleoliad: Brook Farm, Llanmaes
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth: Llanmaes

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00373/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Block paving to drive and footpath
Location:/Lleoliad: 28, Victoria Road, Penarth
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00388/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed demolition of existing single storey rear extension, erection of new single storey side extension at the rear, alterations to existing detached garage, minor internal and external works
Location:/Lleoliad: 14, Victoria Square, Penarth
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00352/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed to take up and remove a section of the existing cobbled floor in barn and concrete
Location:/Lleoliad: Tymaen Barns, Near Ewenny
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00385/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Works to existing boundary wall with Plymouth House including demolition and rebuilding upper section and increasing height of other sections of the existing boundary retaining wall
Location:/Lleoliad: Land adjacent to Plymouth House, West Street, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00449/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Installation of flue outlet and a plume deflector for a new oil fired boiler to the side of the building.

Remove existing modern sauna in the boiler room to resite the new boiler and allow flue to exit building
Location:/Lleoliad: Rectory House, Peterston Super Ely
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00335/RES
Proposal/Cynnyg: Erection of 100 no. 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses and associated works
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at St. Johns Well, St. Athan

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00360/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Facility for the recycling of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) to produce aggregates (IBAA) and the recovery of metals
Location:/Lleoliad: Wimborne Road, Barry

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2015/00392/OUT
Proposal/Cynnyg: Outline application for residential development, together with alignment of initial section of highway linking Cardiff Road and Cross Common Road
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Cardiff Road/Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys

May affect a Public Right of Way Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

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Departure from Development Plan / Gwyo'r Cynllun Datblygu

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Penarth hockey veterans in a 'nip and tuck' encounter

AFTER last season's unofficial 'world series of hockey' that featured no fewer than seven meetings between the teams, it was no surprise to see Whitchurch providing the opposition for Penarth's motley band of veterans as the greatest game returned to the Colcot pitch for one last 'last game'.

The opening exchanges made it look as though it was Whitchurch coming into the game 'fresh' from a night of celebration. Quick-fire passing from off had the visitors on the back foot and it took only a matter of minutes for Penarth to open the scoring as Matt Birch's firm cross was met first time by former GB star Dave Thomas.

Perhaps overawed by the spectacular strike, Penarth gradually allowed their opposition back into the game and had it not been for goalkeeper Mark Harris – making yet another appearance against his former team – the scores would have been levelled long before Whitchurch finally found parity.

Once back on terms, however, the visitors quickly doubled their tally, only to spark a

mini Penarth revival that led to left back Ian Smith tasting the rarefied air of the Whitchurch D and grabbing an equally unexpected goal to again bring the sides level.

Determined not to be pegged back, however, Whitchurch belied their under-strength line-up to grab another before the break and send Penarth into the interval once more playing catch-up.

Regardless of the tactics discussed during the time out, Penarth were given no chance to redress the balance as, within minutes of the restart, the visiting centre forward capitalised on another wayward pass to stretch the Whitchurch advantage – and the goal opened the floodgates as 2-4 quickly became 2-7 despite the best efforts of the home defence.

Perhaps sensing a rout, Whitchurch appeared to take their foot off the gas, albeit briefly, allowing Penarth's more usual strike man, Dave Watkins, to grab a six-minute hat-trick and pull the sides closer once again.

Given that the game employed the latest rule changes introduced by the FIH, and was therefore deemed the start of a new season, it is an achievement that even 1st XI top scorer and player of the year Chris Baker might find hard to replicate.

Although the home side tried to bridge the two-goal gap as time

ticked down, the only addition to the scoreline came from the men in blue rather than green, with a late strike taking the final score to 5-8 in Whitchurch's favour and giving the Vale side a lot to think about as they embark on a what appears to be a full slate of games either side of the annual veterans tournament in Swansea in mid-June.

AWARDS HANDED OUT AT DINNER
The night before Penarth took on old foes Whitchurch, the Vale club celebrated the end of a successful 2014-15 campaign that saw both the 1st and 2nd XIs achieve pre-season aims within their respective divisions.

The annual dinner, once again held at Penarth Athletic Club and ably organised by Hon Sec Dave Stevens, provided a chance for players young and old to get together and reminisce on the past seven months over good food and a drink or two.

Newly-elected chairman Nick Pratt gave an impassioned speech in which he noted that the club's aim should be to again become one of the top four sides in Wales, fielding four competitive senior sides, plus others at

under-9, under-11, under-15, under-18, veterans, masters and mixed veterans levels.

The evening ended with the awarding of the usual post-season honours, with Chris Baker claiming both the top scorer and 1st XI player of the year trophies with typical modesty.

Paul Thomas seemed embarrassed to pick up the 2nd XI player of the year award, but it was fitting reward for his suicidal willingness to step into the breach whenever the side found itself without a goalkeeper.

Gareth Hurman picked up the young player of the year nomination after a fine season in the 1st XI, while outgoing treasurer Tony Stevens was named clubman of the year for a second time, noting that, on this occasion, he wouldn't have to share the award.

The dinner also provided the first opportunity to welcome several new club officers, with 2nd XI/vets captain Pratt taking over from long-time chairman Ian Brookfield, Richard Baker stepping up as treasurer and Tom Haran accepting the honour of captaining the 1st XI after two mercurial years of

stewardship under Mark Thomas.

Thomas, Brookfield, Tony Stevens and Nathan Townsend were all added to the management committee, but the impending return of a 3rd XI to league action in 2015-16 will come under leadership yet to be determined.

With no league fixtures until the resumption of hostilities in September, the club will once again focus on its veterans XI throughout the summer, building up to the inauguration of its new home pitch at Stanwell School later in the year.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action between 6-7pm and seniors between 7-8pm. Further information can be obtained from: club secretary Dave Stevens via d.stevens81@hotmail.co.uk.

CL

Club championships reach crucial stages

IT was the penultimate round of the Barry Chess Club Championship and there were a number of players in contention for each of the three sections. Before the start, there was a minute's silence in honour of the recent passing of Craig Woolcock.

In total, eight games were completed - and it was a night to be white. The players with the white pieces won five matches, there was one draw and only on the two bottom boards, where it was not a night to be a Jones, was black successful.

There were two outstanding results. On board two, Windsor Lewis had black against Steve Cunliffe. In rating terms the match should have been extremely one-sided, with Steve having a rating of 1,974 against Windsor's rating of 1,123. However, Windsor is clearly an old hand with the Alekhine Defence and earned a draw.

Further down the tables young Pagona Mavroyenneas defeated the more experienced Sam White on time. Pagona looked embarrassed to win but should be pleased with both the result and the performance.

The top two players in the table, Ashley Davis and Matthew Parry, met on board one. In a close match with a rook and multiple pawn ending, Matthew, with white, had his passed

pawns advanced towards the eighth rank and took victory as Ashley could not prevent one of the pawns from being Queened.

Realistically, Ashley and Matthew, both on five out of six, are the only players in contention for the championship. Ashley has a better tie break and is likely to have an easier final game, as he has already played more of the top ranked players than Matthew.

The unbeaten Windsor Lewis leads both the Plate and Bowl sections. His tie break score is well above all of his contemporaries. The Plate is very close, with all of the entrants except Sam White and Martin Ricketts still in with a chance of taking the trophy should Windsor lose his final match. A victory for Windsor in round seven would give him the Plate, a draw would give him the Bowl.

Only Pagona Mavroyenneas can take the Bowl from Windsor, but she needs to win her final game and hope Windsor loses his.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Tennis juniors have busy start to season

DINAS POWYS tennis juniors have a busy start to the season.

Archie Gray and Nicole Kells both made the finals of the recent Penarth Windsor grade 4 LTA junior open. Nicole also won the recent DPLTC girls 12 and under LTA match play event.

There was a good attendance for this event and some really excellent play from Mia and Tia Cayton and Abi Dean. These matchplay events take place on a monthly basis, anyone who is interested in playing in these should contact the club coach Rob Waylbiff whose details are on the club website.

The junior teams were also in action this weekend. Both the boys and girls under-16 teams, which included Luke Davidson, Ethan Hutchins, Libby Smith and Darcy Ramsden, lost to really tough opposition.

This was also the case for the orange under-9 A team who faced a very strong and experienced Penarth Windsor team.

The Dinas Powys team included six year old Archie Gray, Ben Jones, Cai Barker, and Jas Kwiatkowski. The Orange B team managed a very creditable draw with Penarth LTA; this team included India Follon, Olivia Davidson, Grace Easton and six year old Jemima Dean.

The Green under-10 A team, which included Ben Hutchins, Archie Gray, Cai Barker and Ben Jones, lost to Stow Park and the B team of Morgan Fairclough, Dylan Greene, Lowri Cant and Olivia Davidson also lost.

Despite the defeats both teams played very well and many of the players will have another year in this age group.

The under-12s had mixed results. The boys A team of Will Doran and Iwan Meddins had a very comfortable victory against Radyr, while Nicole Kells and Beth Monroe Morris also had a very convincing win against Penarth LTC.

However, the boys B team of Jed Holownia and Dan Blasizza lost to a strong team from Swansea.

The under-14 age group was very successful. The boys A team of Isaac Grant and Tom Fazackerley beat Penarth LTC and the B team of Isaac Follon and Rhys Meddins beat Stowe Park.

MM

Millwood kick off the season

AS befits the friendly first game of the season for Millwood against Dinas Powys, although the latter side piled up a big aggregate score, it was agreed by both captains that the outcome would be called an 'honourable draw.'

Both teams enjoyed each others company and camaraderie on the green, even when the shots were deemed to bit on the lucky side when played - all part of the spirit of the game!

At least the rain that was forecast never came to much, so the game was played without any

interruption. On completion of the game, everyone went into the clubhouse for the social get-together, which all players look forward to eagerly.

Thank you to Dinas Powys for the friendly. The first game of the season for Millwood 'A' side was the south Vale league game ending in a 23 shot loss against a determined Romilly side.

Although the 'A' side lost this game, 84-61, there are still another two games in this league to play yet.

This coming Saturday, there are no arranged fixtures for either Millwood side, so can members go to the club for a club friendly, and a get-together afterwards.

Public Notice

LICENSING ACT 2003 Section 34

Notice of Application to Vary a Premises License
THIS IS GIVEN THAT an application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a **VARIATION TO THE PREMISES LICENCE** in respect of the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of Monday to Thursday 0930 to 1700 hours and Friday 0930 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk

Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below: Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

Name of applicant: The Fairways Hotel. **Name and postal address of the premises:** The Fairways Hotel, West Drive, Porthcawl CF36 3LS.

Details of the proposed variation: To enlarge our current licensable area to include the new orangery extension and also a new outside seating area at the front and side of the building as well as a roof terrace area directly above the orangery for the supply of alcohol.

Date by which representations must be made: 20th May, 2015. This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely April 23, 2015, for 28 consecutive days. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.

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BARRY & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS AND TABLES

CRIB DIVISION 1:

West End 5, Cadroxton Cons 10; Rhooose Social 8, Liberals 7; Moors Boys 7, Railway 8; West End Wanderers 9, Wyndham Cons 6.

League table: Liberals 209, Cadroxton Cons 207, Wyndham Cons 205, Moors Boys 201, West End Wanderers 195, West End 190, Rhooose Social 186, Railway 167.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Rugby Club 1, Rhooose Social C 6; Barries Boys 2, West End D 5; Rhooose Social B 2.5, Slammers 4.5; Rhooosters 1, Allsorts 6; Liberals C 5, Runway Club 2; Cambrian Flyers

2.5, King William XII 4.5.

League table: West End C 127.5, Sea View B 127, Allsorts 112, King William XII 103.5, West End D 102.5, Slammers 99, Rugby Club 95, Barries Boys 91.5, Rhooose Social B 87.5, Rhooose Social A 84, Rhooosters 82.5, Rhooose Social C 78.5, Liberals A 66, Cambrian Flyers 62.5, Runway Club 62.5, Liberals C 60.5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons C 3, Penarth Cons B 2; SavoyB 1, SavoyA 4; Wyndham Cons A 2, West End C 3; Cadroxton

Cons B 4, Cadroxton Cons Z 1; Rhooose Social B 3, Rhooose Social C 2; Harbour A 1, Harbour B 4.

League table: Harbour B 108, Savoy A 100, West End C 82, Cadroxton Cons B 80, Cadroxton Cons Z 77, Rhooose Social B 62, Rhooose Social C 62, Wyndham Cons A 59, Harbour A 57, Penarth Cons B 50, Wyndham Cons C 50, Savoy B 48.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Railway A 3, Cadroxton Cons A 2; Market Street C 5, Railway C 0; Sully Sports A 2, Market Street B 3; West End B 3; Services Social B 3; Railway B 2, Penarth Cons A 3; Liberators 1, Penarth Cons D 4.

League table: Railway A 96, Market Street C 83, Penarth Cons D 77, Market Street B 74, Liberators 73, Railway B 72, Services Social B 69, Cadroxton Cons A 65, Penarth Cons A 62, Sully Sports A 59, *Railway C 50, West End B 50 (* = Points deducted).

All league & cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk or on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

Dinas Bowls Club hosts open evening

DINAS POWYS Bowling Club are holding an open evening on Friday, May 1.

Come along to the Pavilion on St Andrews Road from 6pm and try your hand at bowls. We invite new bowlers, experienced bowlers, ladies and gents, young and old, to try their hand at bowls.

Coaches and club members will be on hand to greet you, and join you on the green for an enjoyable insight into the game - just bring yourself and a pair of flat soled shoes, bowls will be provided.

For more information contact (gents) 029 2051 3743 or (ladies) 029 2051 3786; the bowling club Pavilion 029 2051 2131.

AD

Fine day's racing at Ystradowen

JIMMY FROST, rider of the 1989 Grand National winner *Little Polvier*, said he enjoyed his visit to the Vale where he travelled from Devon to see his wife Nikki's *TheGreenDaleRocket* win the young horse maiden race.

Bridgend builder Roger Wilcox also had plenty to smile about at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Point-To-Point steeplechases at Ystradowen.

Roger won both open races with his only two horses, which he trains himself, and there cannot be too many occasions when an owner/trainer has landed both the men's open and the ladies' open races at the same meeting.

In the John Lovell Memorial Men's Open race, his eight-year-old bay gelding *Patrickton Boru*, which he owns in partnership with his great friend Bill Corrigan, who runs a fabrications and engineering company in Port Talbot, was ridden by Llanharan's Evan David who sent the 5-4 favourite into a clear lead three fences from home, and he went on to score by 20 lengths from recent course winner *Captain Scarlett* ridden by Welsh champion John Mathias.

In the ladies' open race for the Mandryka Challenge Trophy, *Lauberhorn*, who blotted his

copybook with a last fence fall at the Monmouthshire when just about leading eventual winner *Chesnut Annie* and *Fine Resolve*, came home five lengths ahead of the blinkered *Sangfroid* after *Lion On The Prowl*, who had jumped dangerously to the left at all his fences, ran out after jumping the 13th fence.

Winning rider Anna Metekohy said: "I was confident of catching him anyway, he was just a marker, something to aim at."

Lauberhorn also won the best turned out award, which is more than could be said about his jovial owner/trainer who is one of the real characters of the Welsh hunt-racing circuit.

Paul and Myfanwy Miles' prolific *Findlay's Find*, which had been beaten by just a length by *Highly Unlikely* at the South Pembrokeshire Easter Monday fixture after being stuck in his box for more than an hour in a traffic jam which caused him to sweat up that day, made the early running but was overtaken by *Molon Labe*, *Canshetrain* and *Cinaman* and appeared to have no chance three fences from the finish.

However, the nine-year-old, who was ridden by Hannah Lewis, ran on in astonishing style to win by three lengths from *Molon Labe*. "He just does things his own way," said Hannah and Myfanwy added:

"He likes to worry us but we will have to see if he goes for a repeat win of the Dudley Cup this year."

Former national champion rider James Tudor riding Steve Whistance's seven-year-old bay gelding *Railway Benefit* made every yard of the running to win the restricted by three parts of a length from *Distant Sound*.

Jimmy Frost, who rode the 1989 Grand National winner *Little Polvier*, saw his wife Nikki's *TheGreenDaleRocket* beat the pacemaking *Captain Camelot* by half-a-length in the young horse maiden after they had jumped the last fence together. The well backed six-year-old *By Oscar*, was ridden by the Vale of Glamorgan's Byron Moorcroft who said: "I was all out and my horse was definitely stopping."

The winner is owned by Mr Dave Williams who said: "This is my first winner. I bought him at the Ascot sales last summer and he was a bit backward but he has come on a lot since then." Mr Williams also admitted having a nice little touch on the horse.

Ogmore-by-the-Sea's Nick Williams, riding the best turned out *Woodpark*, a nine-year-old bay gelding, took the aged maiden by three parts of a length after jumping the last alongside the runner-up *Milys Delight* ridden by Will Gordon. These were the only two of the seven starters to complete the course.

The winning owner Mr Elvet Wilkins, from Amroth in west Wales, bought the horse from his daughter Lorna Williams, who said: "*Woodpark* was wearing cheek bands for the first time and they did the trick."

With all seven races being won by the favourites, it was little wonder that several bookies shut up shop before the last race.

BRIAN LEE

Basketballers' title success



AT the Wales basketball 3 v 3 championships on Saturday, April 25, local girls Georgia, Maisie and Niamh competed for the under-12 girls title.

After being undefeated in the group stages the girls went straight through to the final where they played superbly well to win the title, 8-0. The girls, who played for Cardiff Met Archers and train at Cardiff Met Cyncoed Campus have been undefeated in the girls matches all season.

Niamh, Georgia and Maisie are all also in the Wales under-14 basketball squad. A big thank you to coach Kojo, coach Beth and Cardiff Met Archers.

CH

LAST GASP DEFEAT FOR LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC

ON a clear Wednesday night Llantwit Major played host to Taffs Well.

This was a game where nothing was at stake and both sides wanted to run the ball and put on a spectacle. Blaine Thomas started with a bang and stole lineouts and made numerous yards with some barn storming runs.

It was reliable Ryan Evans who struck first by kicking a penalty. It wasn't long before he had a chance to extend the lead when Taffs Well ran out of defence but when Llantwit turned the ball over and tried to run it Taffs Well were adjudged to have deliberately knocked on and Ryan Evans extended the lead to 6-0.

Both sides continued with entertaining rugby and livewire wing Rhys Balmont was making his presence felt. From a good forward platform Gareth Watts took the ball on and with Shea driving on his shoulder they powered over the line for Gareth Watts to claim the try which Ryan Evans converted.

Taffs Well hit back immediately after securing the kick off. The defence was under immense pressure particularly trying to stop the front row players of Taffs Well who were by no means small and it took two players at least to bring them down.

With players tied up in rucks the gaps appeared and Taffs Well went on to claim a try that was converted. Llantwit regathered from the kick but a forced the pass allowed

Taffs Well to kick ahead and they won the race to cross for a try to take the score to 13-12 at halftime.

Llantwit started the second half the best and from the kick-off got the ball back and through some phases the ball found its way to Rhys Balmont who went over under the posts which Ryan Evans converted to extend the lead to 20-12.

With the game continuing to be open it went from end to end and Taffs Well had another kick ahead that evaded the home defence and allowed the visitors to claw back to within a point with a converted try.

It now became apparent that the permit players on loan to Taffs Well were used to a higher level as their pace and eye for a gap caught out the first line of defence on numerous occasions.

In a foray into Taffs Well half, Rob Grapes dropped a goal from fairly long range that dissected the posts.

It seemed the hosts were gaining the upper hand and from the kick-off Ryan Evans gave a flat pass to Marcus Pearce who only had a couple of defenders in front of him but the pass was adjudged to be forward much to the annoyance of the home crowd.

In a move a few minutes later Rob Grapes ghosted through a gap and maybe should have backed himself but looked for support and found it through hard working prop Geraint David; but with support slow in arriving the ball was turned over and Taffs Well cleared their

lines.

Then in a strange couple of minutes Rhys Dixon saw yellow for an alleged dangerous tackle but two off-the-ball incidents that saw Rhys David held back were missed.

Taffs Well piled on the pressure and they crossed for a try which was converted to take the lead 23-26.

Llantwit tried to hit back and drove upfield and with the pressure on at the scrum the first one saw Taffs Well front row pop up and the scrum was reset.

Then in the resultant scrum with Llantwit on the attack the body positions of the opposition saw the scrum wheel round and much to the astonishment of the home crowd and players, a penalty against Llantwit Major.

The line was cleared but Llantwit were given a penalty themselves and they opted to kick for the corner. Huw Williams, on permit from Llantrisant to his home club, was vocal in defence and attack and he got his just rewards when from the back of a driving maul he was at

the bottom of the pile to secure a score that took Llantwit back into the lead with a minute to go.

All that was needed was to secure the ball, have a couple of phases and boot it off to secure the victory, but unfortunately there was a mix up within the ranks and this resulted in a penalty for the visitors which they lined up at goal.

As the visiting player stepped towards the ball a Llantwit defender with a rush of blood charged toward the kicker, doing enough to put him off but alas this is not within the rules so the player was given a second opportunity to kick the goal which he did to win the game by a single point.

The sign of jubilation from the visitors can only be likened to victors after a Cup tie.

At the end of the season it is difficult to drive enthusiasm when there is little to play for but the boys of Llantwit Major gave their all on that Wednesday night and could have so easily taken the spoils if lady luck had been on their side.

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Sully Bridge Club results

SULLY Bridge Club Results for the week ending April 25 are as follows:

Monday, April 20: North/South - First, Diana Jones/Trish Tracy, 61.87; second, Vernon Pearn/Pam Sherman, 57.83; third, Pat Evans/Jayne Greatrex, 57.03. East/West - First, Alan Jones/Carolyn Matthews, 61.78; second, John Pikoulis/Anne Johns, 60.63; third, Merion Avon/Dorothy Foulkes, 53.67.

Wednesday, April 22: North/South - First, Carol James/Alan James, 69.01; second, Peter Millar/Trish Tracy, 60.63; third, Ev

Kerslake/Richard Alley, 55.75. East/West - First, John Pikoulis/Jayne Greatrex, 59.38; second, David Hopkins/Lilian Hopkins, 56.15; third, Una Gavin/Judy Collins, 54.69.

Saturday, April 25: North/South - First, Phillip Bottrell/Carol Cochlin, 60.56; second, Tony Cryer/Jennifer Cryer, 55.56; third, Mary Blackwell/Peter Blackwell, 49.44. East/West - First, Sue Knight/Brian Knight, 65.24; second, Jean Sparkes/Mary Carwright, 57.14; third, Una Gavin/Brenda Shepherd, 54.76.

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Blunder costs Evan's horse dear in Bowl

A blunder four fences from home by Patricktom Boru, which unseated Llanharan's Evan David, cost him at the least a place in the Dunraven Bowl.

The eight-year-old bay gelding appeared to be going well when challenging for the lead. However, it must be said that although the eventual winner Desertmore View, partnered by Welsh champion John Mathias, won by just two lengths from Kimora (Bradley Gibbs), it looked as though Mathias, who had won the previous year's race on Gale Force Oscar in astounding style, could have won a lot easier than the official distance suggested.

In fact, Mathias on dismounting told me: "We were travelling so well, it was embarrassing, and I could have won by a lot further." And I for one have no reason to doubt him.

Irish-bred Desertmore View, a seven-year-old bay gelding, is owned by Haverfordwest's Rachel Hooton and is trained by Marc Barber, who also saddled the runner-up Kimora, a 33-1 chance, which was ridden by Bradley Gibbs.

The third home, Andrew Leyshon's Fine Resolve, which finished a neck behind Kimora, was ridden by Marc's younger brother Matthew.

CONNOR BRINGS SEASON'S TOTAL TO 11
Connor Brace, grandson of David and Dawn Brace of the Dunraven Stud, at Pyle near Bridgend, brought his season's tally of wins to 11 when winning both pony races at the Tivyside and Carmarthenshire Hunts Point-To-Point Steeplechases and is in the lead for the national

title.
Connor, aged 13, won the 138cms race for riders aged 9-13 on his Molly and the 148cms race for riders aged 9 to 16 on Dont Tell Dai, having his revenge over his good friend Jack Tudor, aged, 12, from Merthyr Mawr, who was riding She's A Goodun and who had reversed those placings over the course on Easter Monday.

Michael Bowen, brother of Sean Bowen, who has won the National Hunt conditional riders' championship, saddled his first hat-trick at the meeting when winning the ladies' open race with Sir De Bean, the men's open with Bob's Law and the restricted with Mister Bricolage and Sean was there to see him do it.

Sir De Bean and Mister Bricolage were ridden by Pembrokeshire's Jodie Hughes and Bobs Law was partnered by Irishman Ciaran Gethings.

Elen Nicolas, aged 18, from Bangor in north Wales and who rides out for west Wales trainer Dai Rees, chalked up her first winner when landing the members' race on his 14-year-old Kisha King which beat Milled (Emma Moseley) by five lengths.

Bradley Gibbs took the maiden on the grey Master Ally which beat the favourite Brideberry by eight lengths. "He just ran away with me," said Bradley, who is enjoying a good season.

This Saturday, May 2, the Tredegar Farmers hold their annual point-to-point races over the popular Lower Machen Course near Rudry.

A number of horses and riders from the Vale will be taking part and an exciting afternoon's racing is promised; the first race is at 2pm.

BRIAN LEE

Cottrell seniors enjoy away day

PETERSTONE Lakes Golf Club situated on the borders of Glamorgan and Gwent proved a very suitable venue for members of the senior's section of Cottrell Park to enjoy their spring away day, well organised by society captain Bill Aspinall.

Steve Charlton with 37 stableford points won the individual competition with Viv Helyar and John Stacey finishing second and third with 35 points.

Bryan Pritchard,

Henry Filer and Steve Charlton won the team competition with 99 points followed by Richard Daniels, Steve Cross and Alan Gregson who accumulated 91 points.

In third place, also with 91 points, were David Stephenson, David Hawkins and Rev Don Williams who also returned home with the longest drive prize.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were John Clarke and David Green, and Alan Gregson was closest to the pin with his second shot to the challenging par 4 closing hole.

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Winning golfers Viv Helyar, Steve Charlton, captain Bill Aspinall and John Stacey.

Barry RFC senior round-up

BARRY 3rd XV finished their season by a touring side from Mold on a brisk Saturday afternoon.

With numerous players unavailable at this stage of the season, manager Frank Greig handed senior debuts to George Chucas out of position on the wing and Jamie Leech at scrum-half. There were also recalls for vets Andrew Prosser, Andy Moffat, Charlie Chucas and Peter Griffiths; Ken Chow captained the side from full-back.

The visitors began slowly and Barry exploited this lethargy with some probing runs by Dave Evans, Neil Bragg and Jordan Clarke. This put Mold under early pressure.

A strong run from Nick Rolfe saw Barry reach the opposition's 22 and Chow, filling in as emergency scrum-half, sniped through to score underneath the posts to open the scoring. Evans somehow missed the conversion.

Despite playing against the slope and wind, Barry were making inroads into the Mold defence every time they got ball in hand.

With new impetus, Vale United tried to get the equaliser to force extra time but VIFC held on to take the Barry Cup, making them treble winners after winning the Supporters Cup and Division 1 title, which was presented to them after the match. Final score VIFC 2, Vale United 1.

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Leech for more tries.

Mold battled on bravely and were justly rewarded with an opportunistic try which went unconverted before the break, but Barry struck back with another try from debutant Leech.

Greig emptied the bench at halftime, with Joff Williams making his last appearance for the club. Charlie and Joe Chucas would also enter the fray, joining George for a family get-together on the pitch.

Tries came and went in the second half, with the plucky Mold side rewarded with three more tries, while Barry turned the screw in open play, Leech completing his hat-trick.

There was also a first try for the club by Jordan Clarke, who was outstanding in attack and defence, and Dave Evans completed his brace with the last play of the game. Williams failed to kick the conversion with the final score 50-24.

The score ultimately was irrelevant as both sets of players embraced the social nature of grass roots rugby. The 3rd XV

will hope for similar spirit when next season begins.

Team: Chow ©; Rees, Bragg, Clarke, G Chucas; D Evans, Leech; Hall, Prosser, Jones; Moffat, Woodfin; Rolfe, Betts, J Evans. Replacements: C Chucas, Williams, Harrison, Griffiths, J Chucas, Greig. Man of the match: Moffat.

BARRY 2ND XV 22 LLANISHEN 2ND XV 60

Barry 2nd XV travelled to the capital in mid-week to face Llanishen 2nd XV in the Mallet Cup, hoping to secure another appearance in a final after last year's heroics in the East District Cup.

However, this proved a game too far for a depleted squad missing numerous players in key positions. Coach Rhidian Scott and Ken Chow were forced to select players out of position and last minute withdrawals meant that Chow himself was on the bench.

The result was that

Llanishen scored 27 unanswered points in the first quarter of the game before Barry had any meaningful possession.

With a make-shift front row and a new half-back partnership, it was no surprise when the green-and-whites spent most of the game defending against an unrecognisable Llanishen side.

Barry finally got on the scoresheet when a smart exchange between Dimond and Hamonda gave Neil Bragg the chance out wide, and he beat his defender comfortably to score his second try in as many games; Dave Evans failed with the conversion.

Barry threw on Morris and Pugh at halftime and there was a seismic shift in momentum briefly after the interval.

First, Gerwyn Pugh crossed from close range for an unconverted score, before good play in midfield gave Rhys Knapman the opportunity to score under the posts. Evans was successful with the conversion this time.

The fragility of the scrum continued to haunt Barry as they conceded a penalty try from the set piece, and despite Pugh scoring his second try out wide which went unconverted, the green-and-whites had ran out of gas at the end of a long season and the match was a formality.

The management would like to thank the effort and commitment shown by all the players, some of whom were called up less than 24 hours before kick-off.

This has been a trademark of the 2nd XV all season and players, management and spectators alike will like to see this continued next season.

Team: Poole; Knapman, Evans, Hamonda, Bragg; Dimond, Mephram; McTavish, Ring, Pirso; Rolfe, Dutton; Jones ©, Miles, Goodfellow. Replacements: Hall, Morris, Pugh, Clarke, substitute not used: Chow. Man of the match: Pugh.

KC

LAST weekend saw the climax of the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League finals, starting with the Billy Butlin Cup on Friday, April 24.

WELL DONE LILY!



BARRY YMCA gymnast Lily Foscolo recently achieved a distinction which is the highest level she could achieve - congratulations Lily!

KD

The Year 9 final saw Cogan Coronation FC take on Sully Sports FC. Ethan Mulchay struck first for Sully with the only goal of the first half. Sully scored two more in the second half via Adam Nielson and Will Hardy. Final score Cogan Coronation FC 0, Sully Sports Reds 3.

On Sunday, the day started with the last Junior Cup final with the Year 10 final between Holton Road FC and Sully Sports FC for the Steve Williams Cup.

Sully controlled the game and managed to get in at halftime two goals to the good with goals from Kyle Williams and Joe Collins.

A third in the second half from Richard Lee was enough to gain the trophy. Final score Holton Road FC 0, Sully Sports FC 3.

Finally, the main

trophy of the league was played for with the Barry Cup being contested between Division 1 champions VIFC taking on Division 2 runners-up Vale United FC.

An early goal from Nicky Cox saw VIFC take an early lead which was the halftime score during a close match. Cox - who was also named man of the match - scored a second half goal to put one VIFC hand on the trophy, but a late penalty for Vale United saw Richard Evans pull one back.

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Victory over rivals puts Barry RFC on track for promotion



Barry's win on Saturday was vital to their hopes of promotion, and HOWARD POOLE was on hand to capture the action. ABOVE LEFT: Try time for Barry, while ABOVE RIGHT: James Hadfield looks to make a break through the Old Illts defence.

BARRY RFC entertained Old Illts in a vital game for both sides promotion hopes and came out victors in an absorbing game by 30-22.

With such a lot at stake it was always going to be a tight game and early exchanges saw both sides probing defences for signs of weakness.

Barry had the best of this with some clever tactical play keeping the visitors on the back foot which finally resulted in a penalty which Scott converted for an early lead.

With plenty of possession Barry continued the pressure which produced a second successful penalty for Scott.

Using their big forwards, the Illts began to get some momentum but a strong home defence was in no mood to yield and again earned themselves a relieving penalty which gained some 50 yards.

Regaining the ball from a lineout the ball was moved to Hadfield who broke the defence and, not being held, scored against the post pad for what appeared

to be a good try.

However the referee decided that there was a double movement and awarded a penalty.

The driving lineout was causing Barry problems and they finally conceded a penalty in front of the post for the visitors to reduce the lead.

Being first to any loose ball, usually caused by aggressive first time tackles being made, Barry were soon on the attack again and were unlucky not to score, but were rewarded moments later as White swept up another loose ball to score the try which went unconverted.

Always looking dangerous with ball in hand the visitors also had their chances and with better execution could have scored a couple of tries themselves, but their over-eagerness was to see them go further behind as Hadfield again broke to find the ever-present Evans on his shoulder to cross, giving Barry a deserved 16-3 lead at the interval.

Having now to play against the slope and stiff breeze the question was whether that lead would be sufficient to see them home.

Early indications were not favourable as the visitors' scrum broke to heap pressure on the home eight forcing penalties which gave them a foothold in the Barry half.

From one such penalty the visitors drove at the lineout which Barry were unable to defend and crossed for their first try and conversion to reduce the deficit to six points.

From the kick off the visitors were penalised for obstruction to give Scott a chance to increase the lead which was successful.

The game began to open up as the visitors searched for a score, leaving gaps in defence which Barry made good use of when a chip ahead, followed up by Provis and Evans, saw the latter cross for an unconverted try to give them a 14 point lead.

The ability of Barry to counterattack from deep was causing problems for the visitors and another chip ahead was unlucky not to see them go further ahead, but the move did result in a penalty which Scott converted.

Despite this Barry were still having to defend as the visitors

came back and the game took a further twist when the Barry defence failed, allowing them to score an easy try which went unconverted.

The visitors were now dominating at scrum time and Barry were struggling with their lineout, giving them plenty of ball in the search for another try which would level the scores. All credit to the home side as they defended heroically in this period to defend their line.

With the minutes ticking by the pressure finally told when following a penalty near their line Barry were driven back to concede a try which went unconverted, but left the Illts at this stage five points down but earning a valuable

bonus point.

In the last seconds Barry were awarded a penalty which had it been taken quickly may have produced a bonus point try, but instead they opted to go for goal which Scott converted to give Barry a lead of eight points, thereby denying the visitors a bonus point as the final whistle went.

This was a must-win game for both sides, and Barry can be proud of their efforts in a team performance which, while not reaching the dizzy heights, proved the character in the squad.

This Saturday Barry entertain Taffs Well in their penultimate fixture of the season, kick off 2.30pm, before the final game away to Old Illts on May 9.

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DINAS POWYS WIN CONSIGNS CAERLEON TO RELEGATION

DESPITE a spirited effort by Caerleon in the second half, two first half strikes proved enough for Dinas Powys FC to take all three points, making it four wins from the last six games.

The result condemns their hosts to Division 3 football next season, but with some uncertainty over promotion and relegation issues, Dinas still have two matches of this season's campaign to try and get more points on board.

Dinas started well with Charlie Baister making a determined run down the right and winning a throw-in for his efforts.

Caerleon then had a half chance when Yousif Aldori won the ball on the edge of the Dinas 18 yard box but his shot was well off target.

Ricky Newman then broke through on goal for Dinas but was adjudged offside. A Nicky Bruce free kick looked promising but was just too high for Dinas striker Nathan Donnelly and the ball ran out for a goal kick.

Ben Ah-Mun and Sam Johnson were linking up well for Dinas with the latter getting chopped down on the edge of the Caerleon box.

Up stepped Nicky Bruce to clip a sweet shot just under Gareth Wesson's cross bar for the opener on 22 minutes.

Caerleon came back winning a corner but the ball from a melee of

players just cleared the Dinas crossbar.

The play was end to end at this stage and Bruce nearly bagged his second after Donnelly laid a ball into his path but his shot was just wide and Dinas were awarded another free kick in a promising position, but this time Bruce mishit it into the wall.

Caerleon began to pin Dinas back at this stage, winning two successive corners, cleared by Connor Caton, the ball reaching Aldori on the edge of the box but again his effort was well over James Curtin's crossbar.

This was followed by a strong run down the left by Scott Lewis; his shot was on target but Curtin gathered it comfortably.

Dinas weathered the pressure and came back with some lovely link-up play in midfield putting Ricky Newman in on goal. He hit a powerful shot but Wesson saved it.

With just two minutes of the half remaining Dinas got their second, good work from Ben Ah-Mun beat two players; he then squared the ball to Keiron James bursting through from midfield, who picked his spot to steer the ball past Wesson to give Dinas a two goal lead.

Right on 45 minutes Caerleon were awarded a penalty for hand ball which Lewis took but Curtin guessed the right way and made a superb save to keep the two goal cushion intact.

Dinas were caught napping at the start of the second half when they failed to clear their lines

and Lewis found the net from 10 yards to halve the deficit.

Despite Donnelly having a chance for Dinas when he was played through, his effort was straight at Wesson and Caerleon began to press Dinas back, forcing several corners.

From one of these it looked as though they had equalised but Curtin made a superb reaction save with his leg to keep Dinas' lead intact.

Dinas then made their first substitution, James Alloway replacing Newman with 15 minutes remaining, and they seemed to have weathered the storm as they made their second change, Baister making way for Tim Glossop.

Curtin then had to make another top class save from Lewis, parrying the ball for Bruce to clear, proving that he is one of the best goalkeepers in this division.

The Dinas back four were kept busy for the last few minutes with Caton and Bloxham winning everything in the air for the Dinas cause.

The pressure was relieved when a through ball reached Sam Johnson who drove into the Caerleon box and he got a good shot away which Wesson had to dive at full stretch to save.

Dinas then made their final substitution, Jamie Bagnall replacing Johnson with just a minute remaining, and time ran out for Caerleon in a hard-fought encounter where Dinas were without three first choice regulars.

Team: James Curtin, 2 Luke Swaffield, 3 Nicky Bruce, 4 James Bloxham (c), 5 Connor Caton, 6 Keiron James, 7 Charlie Baister, 8 Ben Ah-Mun, 9 Nathan Donnelly, 10 Ricky Newman, 11 Sam Johnson, 12 Lewis Marsh, 14 James Alloway, 15 Jamie Bagnall, 16 Tim Glossop.

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Centurions win high-scoring match

SULLY Centurions and Dinas Powys fought out a high scoring encounter at Burnham Avenue, Sully, with Centurions winning by 100 runs.

The home side batted first with Santosh Singh (101) and Lloyd Bruce (54) sharing a century opening stand before Bruce fell for 54.

Santosh was joined by Sanjeev, who also reached a half century as the runs kept on coming. After both batsmen retired the good work was continued by Nick Jones (25) and Owain Sullivan (38 not out) with Sully eventually ending on 294 for 4.

In reply, Dinas got off to a disastrous start, with both openers out by the second over, with just 4 runs on the board.

However, the 3rd wicket

partnership of Beames and Todd added 69 before Todd was caught by Bruce off the bowling of Santosh for 21. Clarke added 45 before falling to Bruce with the score on 157.

With overs running out and the retirement of Beames when he had made 78, Dinas Powys fell more and more behind the run rate, eventually finishing on 194 for 4.

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